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## FOREIGN SHIPS HELD BY NATIONALISTS

### Hong Kong steamer among latest to be seized FATE OF SS. CADUCEUS

Taipeh, March 30.

At least four or five ships flying foreign flags are being detained by the Nationalists.

#### Restrictions on water supply

Further restrictions on the supply of fresh water were announced by the Director of Public Works yesterday. Beginning from April 4, the daily hours of supply to all districts will be from 6.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### Statement on Macao incident

Lisbon, March 30. The Portuguese Government, in a communique issued here, has accused Chinese Communist patrol boats of violating Portuguese territorial waters near the Portuguese colony of Macao on March 6.

The communique denied a version of the incident given earlier by the Chinese Communist news agency, according to which Portuguese troops opened fire on two patrol boats, "on the high seas."

#### Red casualties

"Nobody was injured on the Portuguese side but it seems that people were injured on the Communist side," the communique said.

#### The Weather

At 0800 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) the depression to the South of Kyushu, is deepening and moving ENE. The anticyclone covering North Japan and the adjacent seas is moving ESE. Today's Forecast—Light to southerly winds. Fair and warm, with coastal fog patches mainly in the morning.

The latest to be seized, according to information received here, is the steamer Tai Chung Shan owned by the old-established Taiping Steam Navigation Company of Hong Kong.

The steamer, which flies the British flag, was apparently seized near Communist-held Amoy on March 23 or March 24 and is believed to have been taken to Quemoy, nearby Nationalist island defence outpost.

Three foreign ships are being detained at Kaohsiung (Takao) in South Western Taiwan. They are the British freighter Caduceus, which the Nationalists allege had passed or was about to pass to Communist ownership; the former Norwegian steamer Unita, flying the Panamanian flag and owned by Wallam and Company of Hong Kong; and the Panamanian registered steamer Swallow of 560 tons.

The Unita, whose master is Norwegian Captain John Olson, has been under detention since about February 20.

The Swallow was seized near Amoy on January 17 and escorted by a Nationalist warship to Kaohsiung.

Her master, Captain William D. Gordon, 49, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, England, was confined for a month aboard the ship, then allowed to visit Hong Kong. He returned here a couple of days ago in an effort to get his ship back.

Thirty-four of the 36 members of the Chinese crew of the Swallow were removed ashore and the ship is now in the charge of the chief officer and another man, both Chinese.

Chinese Naval circles are of the opinion that the Edith Moller, missing since she sailed from Hong Kong more than a month ago, may have hit a mine and sunk with all hands lost, adds United Press. However, the opinion was mere speculation.

Officially the Chinese Navy insists it has no knowledge of the steamer which until her last venture was most active in running the Nationalist blockade into Swatow and Amoy. Others were of the opinion the ship's crew might be held incommunicado with the radio sealed by the Reds due to some infraction of port rules.

It was learned that a military court has opened a hearing into the Nationalist claims that the \$500-ton Caduceus was either owned or about to be sold to the Reds when it sailed into Kaohsiung early in February.

Captain R. H. Conway has been summoned by the court at Kaohsiung in the first phase of the inquiry in which the Nationalist Government is offering the agents of Wallam & Company of Hong Kong an opportunity to refute the Government's contention. The Governor's office said it could not foretell when the hearing would be concluded. Associated Press and United Press.

#### Fate of Caduceus

(By Our Harbour Reporter) Speculation is rife in Hong Kong over the fate of the ss. Caduceus and the identity of the Chinese seamen who were reported to be the cause of the arrest of the British freighter in Taiwan.

To which seamen's Union do the detained personnel belong? Have the Taipei authorities local power to confiscate the Caduceus? How will this affect foreign ships having Communist-union Chinese seamen aboard?

## PRINCESS HELPS START "THANK YOU" FUND



Princess Elizabeth attended a dinner given in London's Guildhall to mark the launching of the Lord Mayor's National Thanking Fund. Target figure for the fund is £2,000,000. The money is to be used to build a London hostel for overseas students in gratitude for the food parcels received by Britons from the Commonwealth and the United States. Photo shows: Princess Elizabeth smiling gaily as she arrives for the dinner. She carries a bouquet of roses and carnations. Left (half hidden) is the Lord Mayor, Sir Frederick Rowland. (A.P. Photo).

## Gallant French stand against Chinese Reds on Indo-China border

Lao Kay, French Indo-China, March 30. Roger Simonnot, 23-year-old sergeant from Dijon, France, told today now 30 French soldiers and 60 natives withstood an unrelenting five-day attack by 1,200 Communist troops before they abandoned their post.

At the end of the fifth day mortar and heavy artillery from the Vietminh and Chinese Communist troops crumpled the walls of the ancient Fort Phalu on the border, and the defenders fought 30 miles through jungles to Lao Kay, keystone of the French defences in Indo-China.

Only Simonnot and 10 comrades—some of them wounded—survived the ordeal that was marked by screaming Vietminh attacks and the Chinese Communists' "human sea" tactics by which masses of attacking forces by sheer weight of numbers and without regard to their own casualties.

The defence bastion had only a few light mortars and some automatic weapons and rifles to defend itself against heavy mortar and artillery and small arms fire, Simonnot said in a quiet voice.

The defenders of Phalu said they requested help but the relief party was unable to fight its way to the fort. The defenders were forced to wait for each day's attack.

Although the battle took place more than a month ago the young sergeant still shows signs of the ordeal. There was weariness in his voice as he recalled the Vietminh charges into the barbed wire which surrounded the fort and the hourly shelling which the French were helpless to answer.

Simonnot said an attack would start with an artillery barrage and be followed by a bugler led charge which usually would be stopped on the barbed wire.

The first night the rebel forces tried to break through four times. Next morning a French wire repair party found 35 mangled men draped over the wire, three of them still alive.

French forces with their semi-trained, and possibly politically unreliable, Vietminh allies at any time may be called upon to fight the first great delaying action in the battle for control of the whole of South Asia, adds a Reuter report from Saigon.

Already the trickle of supplies of ammunition, weapons and instructors which have been reaching the Communist-led Vietminh insurgents is reported to be changing to a constant stream.

Meanwhile, 700,000 Chinese Communist regular troops completed concentrations within one day's march of the frontier of Annam.

Increasing Vietminh terrorist activity, particularly in Saigon itself, is compelling the French Command to deploy troops on local defence duty and as reinforcements to the Vietnam security forces. These forces could be more usefully employed in extending the "pacification zone" in the Hanoi area or strengthening the Chinese frontier. — United Press and Reuter.

## HUKS ON RAMPAGE IN LUZON

Manila, March 30. Armed pro-Communist Hukbalahap guerrillas sacked and burned a town within 40 miles of Manila today in the climax of a two-day "anniversary" uprising in which at least 60 persons were reported killed.

The outlawed peasant army made a series of raids in four Luzon provinces.

Press reports put the death toll at 60 and said many others were wounded in fighting growing out of "celebration" of the eighth anniversary of the formation of the Hukbalahaps.

A band of 300 guerrillas raided the town of Tanauan, 37 miles south of Manila, early today. They attacked the municipal building and Constabulary barracks and set fire to the town's market area before raiding homes. The public market and 200 homes were reported burned out and fire damage was estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

At the same time, a band of 1,000 outlaws were reported attacking the municipal building at San Pablo, 43 miles south of Manila. An officer and four Constabulary troops were reported killed.

#### Army takes over

The Philippine Army has been ordered to take over the internal security of the islands as Communist-led Hukbalahaps continued to deal out death and destruction in night-time raids in Central Luzon, adds Associated Press.

The move is being made without a declaration of emergency since plans had been made for some time to give the Huk suppression job to the armed forces.

Brigadier-General Alberto Ramon, Constabulary chief who has been under fire for failure of his Constabulary to suppress the Huks, revealed on his return from a conference at Baguio with President Elpidio Quirino, that the Army had been ordered to take over from the Constabulary tomorrow morning.

In the meantime, Ramon said, both Army and Constabulary reinforcements have been rushed into the area North East, East and South East of Manila in an effort to forestall further Huk raids tonight. — United Press and Associated Press.

## LABOUR GOV'T TO CARRY ON

London, March 30. Prime Minister Clement Attlee's Socialist Government decided on Thursday to carry on, despite a surprise defeat in the House of Commons.

For two hours and 20 minutes on Thursday morning the Cabinet held an inquest on the 235-237 vote against the Government in the Commons on Wednesday night.

Then it agreed, a qualified Government informant reported, that it would regard the defeat as one of a "technical" nature and a minor point, and not one calling for the Government's resignation.

Mr. Attlee was expected to explain the government's decision, to the House on Thursday afternoon.

He is expected to demand a vote of confidence a little later in the session. — Associated Press.

## NINE KILLED IN HOSPITAL FIRE

Philadelphia, March 30. Nine male patients—some strapped in their beds—died last night as choking fumes from a basement fire filled upper rooms of a private sanatorium.

A fireman and at least 30 other patients, both men and women, were killed by fumes in a wing of the Bello Vista sanatorium for convalescent, senile, nervous and mental cases. — Associated Press.

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## More workers agree to abide by Dairy Farm decision

The China Motor Bus Company workers yesterday informed the management that they would accept the Dairy Farm extra living allowance award of \$30 a month in settlement of their original demand of \$90 a month.

The bus workers are the second body of utility workers, after the Hong Kong Electric workers, to accept the pattern of the Dairy Farm Arbitration award for settlement of their special allowance claim.

The Electric workers notified their management of their acceptance on Wednesday.

Acceptance by the Hong Kong Tram workers of the same settlement has been delayed over minor differences. The men had agreed upon acceptance in principle but objected to a condition in the Company's offer that for those workers who were not at work the whole of January due to the tram stoppage, would be paid on a pro rata basis only. They felt that there should be no differentiation, since they maintain that they were locked out and were not on strike.

Further discussion on this point with the management will take place today.

Other utility workers have not yet committed themselves definitely to acceptance of the same settlement, though the majority of the men are in favour of acceptance. "Since anything better can hardly be expected and one might as well be realistic," as some of them put it.

#### Dock workers

Difficulties are expected to arise when the dock workers put up their demand. Numbering more than 12,000, they are the largest body of workers in a single industry.

So far only the Royal Naval Dockyard workers have put forward a demand for an extra living allowance. The workers in the commercial docks were to have followed suit, when it was decided to await the result of the Dairy Farm Arbitration.

The Royal Naval Dockyard would, it is understood, have to seek the authority of the Admiralty before any change in pay or allowance can be made. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Federation of Employers, which includes all the large employers of labour in the Colony including the utility concerns, met yesterday afternoon, but a complete news blackout was imposed on the proceedings.

The discussions were believed to have been centred on the Dairy Farm Arbitration award and its repercussions on local industry as a whole, and also to decide on a common line of action in meeting labour demands for an extra living allowance that might arise.

From the Hong Kong Hotel employees section of the Union of Employees in Foreign Service it was learnt that about 20 employees of the Hotel had received dismissal notice effective as from May 1, and a meeting is planned of tonight to protest to the management against the dismissal. No reason was given by the management for the dismissal, it was stated.

## Peking moves to alleviate famine

San Francisco, March 30. Peking Radio announced today that all State-owned grain was being brought under unified central control in order to alleviate the famine which was reported rampant in 12 provinces.

At the same time the Peking-controlled press claimed "there is really no food supply problem this year" because the Government has a surplus of 5,500,000 tons of grain.

The radio broadcast a Peking report which was not attributed to any source declaring the grain centralisation programme will help ensure adequate supplies for the people and the army.

The programme will be under the direction of the Finance Ministry because grain collections represent taxes. The grain will be used for troops, Government personnel, students, famine relief, disabled soldiers and local expenses in connection with the water conservation programme. Any remainder will be marketed in order to recall the excessive currency.

#### Surplus claimed

The radio also broadcast an editorial from the Peking "Kwangming Daily News," organ of the fellow-travelling Democratic League, which tried to pour cold water over the famine reports. Observers here believe this to be merely the brainchild of some over-enthusiastic propagandist rather than a considered Government statement.

The paper claimed that "huge quantities of grain are now in government hands." It said that after supplying the troops and other personnel the Government still will have 5,500,000 tons surplus. It reported surpluses in Kiangsu and Hunan—two provinces which are known to be experiencing famine conditions.

Observers here believe the announcement of the centralisation programme indicates there had been considerable misadministration on the part of local provincial authorities in connection with grain collections. — United Press.

#### ARMED ROBBERY

Three men armed with a revolver and daggers entered the first floor of 157 Reclamation Street, Yaumatei, at 10 a.m. yesterday and robbed the occupants of the flat of more than \$700 in cash and jewellery.

#### Nairobi raised to status of city by Royal Charter

Nairobi, March 30. Pioneers who can remember elephants herds thundering across the swampy site 50-odd years ago, today watched the Duke of Gloucester raise Nairobi to the status of a city by Royal Charter.

A Royal salute of 21 guns thundered through the streets flanked by modern buildings as the city celebrated half a century of Municipal Government.

The Duke presented the Charter to the London-born Mayor, Mr. F. G. R. Woodley, after formally receiving a silver pot containing 50 East African spears.

Presenting the Charter, the Duke told Nairobi citizens that what they had achieved since 1900 was surely remarkable. It was his fourth visit to Nairobi since 1928.

"The growth of the colony, with its capital, from being 50 years ago a comparatively unknown part of the Dark Continent to its present condition is eloquent proof of the enterprise and initiative of the early pioneers, Europeans and Asians, who made the later development possible," the Duke said.

"Your Council has a fine record of progressive administration, of a high standard of municipal government in all its branches and of care for the interests of all the mixed people representing Nairobi today," the Duke added.

#### TROUBLE IN LADYSMITH

Ladysmith, March 30. Police with fixed bayonets drove hundreds of African strikers out of town here today after the police had been attacked with sticks and stones.

The police were attacked at the Lancashire Cotton Mills, where 300 African workers were on strike in protest against the prosecution of 14 of their workmates for being absent.

The district commandant of police, Major C. Van Wyk, ordered reinforcements from the neighbouring town of Dundee, Orange Free State.

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## Counsel's question brings tears from complainant in Sun Fo paternity case

Nancy Nyl, complainant in the Sun Fo paternity case, broke down and cried in the course of her testimony in the resumed hearing of the summons at Central yesterday.

"Witness must note," said her Counsel Mr. M. A. da Silva, "that certain unpleasant questions must be put which may be of some amusement to certain people present here. Nevertheless, these questions are essential to my conduct of the case."

The incident arose at the stage when Mr. da Silva was attempting to bring out evidence to show the paternity of Lily Sun, alias Sun Joan Sun, aged 13.

Nancy Nyl had told the court that she became pregnant for the second time in July 1935.

Mr. da Silva: "Did you have any sexual intercourse with anyone other than Dr. Sun Fo?"

Nancy Nyl: "I asked not to be regarded as a prostitute." She then broke down and cried until her counsel reassured her that these questions were essential to his case.

Recovering herself Nancy Nyl replied that she had not. She went on to state that her second child, Lily Sun, was delivered by Dr. Amos Wong in the hospital of the Red Cross Society of China, 363 Avenue Haig. Dr. Sun Fo visited her, she claimed after the birth of Lily and was very pleased. "He remarked that the child (Lily) resembled him very much," she said.

**Birth certificate**

Witness then told the Court that she drew Sun Fo's attention to the birth certificate of her first daughter saying that the document which she claimed was registered by Sun Fo himself, did not bear the name of either herself or Sun Fo. She said she asked Sun Fo if it was necessary to have the parents' name in the birth certificate to which Sun Fo was alleged to have replied: "Yes, sure."

Birth certificates purporting to be those of Sun Yung-chi and Lily Sun were exhibited in court. Nancy Nyl in her evidence stated that the first girl, after Sun Fo had clarified the matter saying that it was not his idea that abortion was suggested but rather that of his sub-ordinate, was born in the St. Elizabeth Hospital and the child delivered by Dr. Sun.

Questioned by her counsel Nancy Nyl stated that the name C. S. Sun written in the certificate belongs to Sun Fo, saying that "C.S." stood for "Sun Chi". By this time, March 1935, witness said they had moved to Route Pierre Robert. Giving evidence on maintenance, witness said that from that time up to about the middle of 1935 the amount had been \$1,000 a month. She received a letter from Sun Fo, witness claimed, saying that he was reducing the amount to \$800 a month owing to "hard times" and asked witness to "economise". In the letter, Nancy Nyl added, Sun Fo enclosed a cheque for \$1,000—the amount for the months of July and August 1935. The amount—\$500 a month—was maintained witness said, until March 1936 when Lily was born. The amount then, witness said, "was increased to \$600, with the extra \$100 as 'expenses towards the nursing of Lily'."

Hearing was at this stage adjourned to April 14 at 2.30 p.m. when Nancy Nyl will continue to give evidence.

## HK Fire Insurance Co. annual meeting

Net premium income for 1949 of \$4,144,913, being 18.82 per cent above that of the previous year, and a record high in the history of the Company, was announced at the 77th annual meeting of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company Limited yesterday.

Net losses, including full provision for all known outstanding fire claims, amounted to \$2,448,691; and commission and expenses of management were \$1,582,540.

The meeting approved the payment of a dividend of \$11 a share, tax free, to 40,000 shareholders, and a 15 per cent bonus, based on basic salary, to the staff.

Reviewing the business of the year, the Chairman, Mr. D. F. Landale, said:

"The results of our operations have taken an upward trend and our premium income shows an increase over the previous year of \$659,415 or 18.82 per cent. This is the highest figure to which we have yet attained. A comparison between the ratios in the underwriting account for the year under review and 1948 reveals an unfortunate increase in losses from 44.66 to 59.07 per cent and an increase in commission and expenses from 33.38 to 38.18 per cent. The latter is almost entirely due to increased remuneration paid in respect of our overseas business and under treaty contracts, consequent on the expansion in our business.

"Although only a small balance of underwriting profit of 2.78 per cent has been made this year, the amount put to reserve for unexpected risks, which is calculated as a fixed percentage on premium income, has increased by \$200,349 and has made necessary a transfer from profit and loss account of \$176,867.

"The high incidence of losses paid during the year under review does not indicate any deterioration in the quality of our business but

is a state of affairs which must inevitably occur from time to time and is fully covered by our reserve position.

Our reserves are in a healthy state, the only one calling for special mention being the investment and exchange fluctuation account. This has been reduced by \$623,350 compared with the previous year's figure and is the result of the depreciation in value of our gilt-edged and local investments as at December 31 1949.

**China situation**

"The situation in China continues to cause anxiety and it is too early to forecast the effect which conditions in that country may have on our operations.

"In the state of the world today it would be unwise to indulge in prophecy but I am confident that if we continue to pursue a conservative underwriting policy and provided we are left free to foster and expand our business with the minimum of restriction and interference, your Company will continue to prosper."

Mr. Landale then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, which was seconded by Mr. G. E. Marden who said the increase in premium income was highly gratifying as was the knowledge that the quality of the Company's business continues to be of a high order.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

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## Correspondence

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### THE BUDGET

By the time this letter reaches you on Wednesday there is no doubt that another Budget for the annual Budget debate is nothing less than a foregone conclusion. The Budget will have passed into law over the most energetic protests ever registered by the Opposition Members of the Legislative Council against the enormous extravagance and disregard of public opinion.

Once again the failure of permitting Government officials to vote upon matters affecting their own incomes and interests has been pointed out. It once more the form of Government which the Colony is entitled to have proven more of a dictatorship than any this side of the Iron Curtain. The almost unanimous rejection by the Official Members of the reasons advanced by the Hon. Financial Secretary for his ill-considered increase in income tax is tantamount to a vote of "no confidence" in the Government, and under a more democratic system would have resulted in the downfall of the Government. The Unofficials would be completely justified if they resigned en masse as protest against being forced to participate in this travesty of democratic procedure.

The debate has, nevertheless, produced some very interesting results, not the least of which is the apparent, if belated, awakening of the Unofficial Members to the abuses of Government. The mental power and the anger attendant thereon, whether in former years, the speeches made by the Unofficials will prove to be but another act in the annual three-ring circus, has yet to be seen, and many will watch with interest to see whether they will back up their criticisms by introducing legislation to eliminate the abuses of public trust of which they complained.

Several correspondents have taken it upon themselves to suggest alternatives to the means advocated by the Hon. Financial Secretary for raising the expected \$7½ million deficit. But none has pointed out that whilst this official is capable of budgeting to this figure, and of utilising the anticipated deficit as lever for an increase in Income Tax, he is apparently incapable of forecasting \$50 millions (in 1948-49) and the \$30 millions (in 1949-50) which have been so glibly introduced into law in those convenient "Supplementary" Budgets. It would appear that the time which has been spent in seeking tax-raising alternatives might have been better utilised in questioning the qualifications of officials who are capable of so grossly under-estimating the expenses of their Departments or of failing to exercise the control necessary to permit them to run their Departments within the figure for which they have budgeted.

One point which has been demonstrated more clearly than ever before is that until the Colony is governed by freely elected representatives, and the Officials are relegated to their proper sphere as public servants rather than Cabinet Ministers, we cannot expect efficient control of government spending and public opinion will continue to be ignored.

Yours faithfully,  
B. M. Lever  
H. C. Guan  
T. Fisher  
H.M.B. COMUS

This letter was held over—Ed.

### FLYING FIREBALLS

With reference to your article on the front page of your Wednesday issue, re "Flying Fireballs," we too saw this phenomenon. In fact we fired them, but we call them "Starshells." We trust that will enlighten your correspondent's darkness.

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### NORTH POINT RECLAMATION

The Eastern end of the North Point Reclamation will be opened for the public dumping of spoil and building debris for about six months beginning from tomorrow. It was officially announced yesterday.

No dumping, however, will be permitted without a permit. Permits may be obtained without cost on application in writing to the Executive Engineer, Port Works Office, Public Works Department, Lower Albert Road.

### DONATION ACKNOWLEDGED

Latest donation received by the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society is from Mrs. E. Pearce, in memory of D. Fitzroy-Williams, DSC, R3.

### BUTTER RATIONING

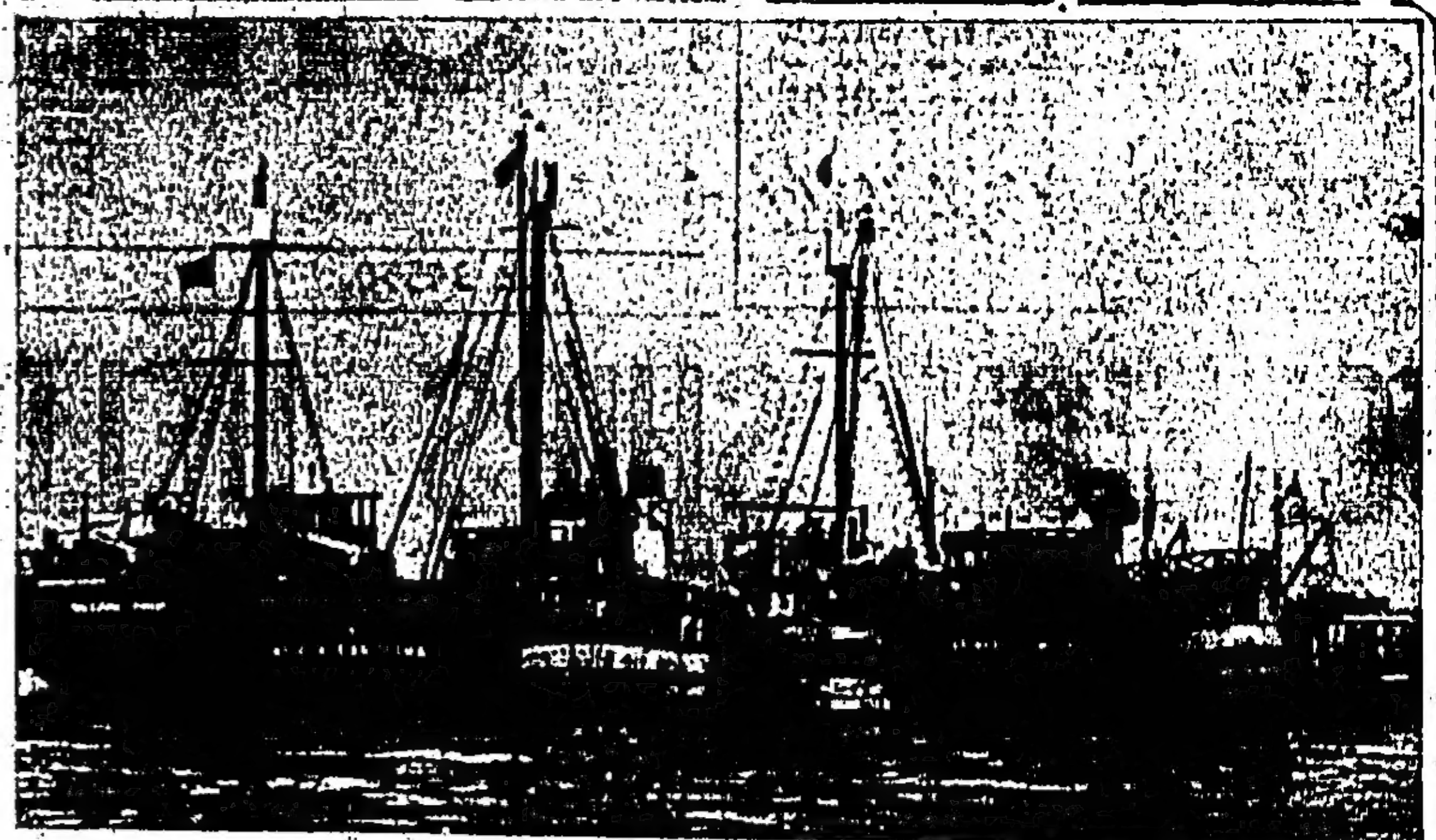
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The Communist flag was hoisted over these former UNRRA fishing trawlers, now riding at anchor in Yumtali Typhoon Shelter after the Chinese crew refused to quit after being paid off. These mechanised craft, part of the original 300-craft fleet given to China by UNRRA, were meant to be taken to Tean Wan to be laid up. They were reconditioned recently in Hong Kong and offered for charter.—China Mail photo.

## Red flag over UNRRA trawlers

The Communist flag was hoisted over three of four fishing trawlers, part of the original 300-craft fleet given to China by UNRRA, after their Chinese personnel refused to quit after being paid off.

Recently reconditioned for local charter for deep-sea fishing, the trawlers were to be laid up at Tean Wan. They are now riding at anchor in the Yumtali Typhoon Shelter.

According to certain reports, the disaffected seamen, declared that they would not leave the craft "because we want to preserve the property of the People's Government." The reports further said that they had refused to sail the trawlers to Taiwan.

It was learned that the men were paid off recently and given an extra month allowance. A caretaker staff was to arrange for the "laid-up" operation.

The fishing craft are under the supervision of the Board of Trustees Rehabilitation Affairs (BOTRA), which is continuing the work of the defunct UNRRA. The organisation was formed in Shanghai in 1948 from residual funds of UNRRA and CNRRA.

The five trawlers—three American-designed 90-ton mechanised craft and two Australian-type—were refitted in the Colony and offered for charter. They were equipped with modern deep-sea fishing facilities and navigational aids.

Each is manned by six officers and six seamen, most of whom are believed to be natives of Siam.

The fishing trawlers were operating off the Cheklong coast and later around Hainan Island before they were taken to Hong Kong for overhauling in mid-1949. They were originally given to Nationalist China by UNRRA to help in the fisheries programme.

Most of the former UNRRA-CNRRA vessels were sent to Taiwan from Shanghai waters in the face of the Communist advance. Some were evacuated to the South China region.

### ANZAC DAY

Australians and New Zealanders in the Colony are preparing for the local celebration of Anzac Day on April 25.

Previous observances have been noted for their solemnity and whole-hearted awareness of the National significance of the occasion, not only to members of the two Dominions concerned, but also to all subjects of the British Empire.

This year will be no exception. In order to formulate plans for this year's observance, a meeting of all Australians and New Zealanders in the Colony will be held at 5.30 p.m. today at the Hong Kong Defence Force Officers' Mess, Volunteer Centre, Queen's Road (opposite the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank).

### MAN OVERBOARD

An unidentified Chinese man jumped overboard from a Hong Kong and Yumtali ferry into the harbour at 6.35 p.m. yesterday.

The ferry, Man Kok, on her way to the Jordan Road wharf, was in mid-harbour when the man fell overboard. He was rescued and sent to the Kowloon Hospital in an unconscious state.

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## Evidence on alleged KMT agent in counterfeit case

Evidence of the existence of a man alleged by the defence to be a Nationalist underground agent responsible for the U.S.\$631,950 in forged currency found here, was given at the Counterfeit-Money trial yesterday.

An official of Siamese Airways Company Limited, Peninsula Hotel, produced as testimony an air passenger list of the day in question bearing the name of Wong Chi-fong.

The official, Ng Yat-sing, disclosed further that Wong Chi-fong did not fly by the stipulated plane for Siam on November 22. He was one of the five men held by the police at the time, he said.

The three brothers in the dock are Tan Kuen alias Tam Sheung, aged 45, of 722 Nathan Road, first floor; Tam Chai-wo, aged 25, and Tam Chi-ping, aged 23, of 223 Jaffe Road, second floor.

"They're no standing trial on three counts of possession of forged banknotes without lawful authority or excuse, and one of possession of implements of forgery. Mr. Justice Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, and a jury of six men and one woman is trying the case."

First accused is defended by Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart. The other two are being defended by Mr. D'Alton alone instructed by Mr. Stewart. Prosecuting Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Inspector Tom Cashman, CID Chief in Kowloon.

First accused, who had given evidence on his own behalf the day before, had maintained that he did not know the notes concerned were forged and that he had been given them by the said Wong Chi-fong for safe-keeping. Before his arrest at Tei Wo together with the second accused on November 22, he went on, he had been instructed by Wong to help him carry the notes to Siam.

Accused said he was going to do it, thinking the notes were genuine ones.

### Cross-examined

Tam Kuen was cross-examined by the Crown yesterday. In the course of this, Mr. Hooton turned to the question of the amount of gold found in the accused's house hidden together with some of the forged notes.

Upon Mr. Hooton asking whether or not it would be wrong to suggest that he got the gold through dealings with the forged notes, Mr. Chen took objection to this suggestion on the grounds that the witness should have been warned of a question like this and that Mr. Hooton's question should have been asked in the lower Court before the magistrate, and not here.

The Senior Puisne Judge told Mr. Chen that the Crown's suggestion in this connection had nothing to do with the present matter, and that evidence would not be affected by it. At this counsel withdrew his second ground for application.

Tam Kuen replied to Crown Counsel's question in the negative. He was then questioned extensively as to his first meeting with Wong Chi-fong, which he said was in Macao right after the end of the war.

Asked as to how he knew Wong was a member of the Nationalist underground, accused said he was told so by Wong himself, and also had proof of this. He had heard Wong and the latter's Nationalist companions refer to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as "children would refer to their father."

The official of the Siamese Airways was then called to testify on behalf of the defence in the course of which he produced the passenger list of November 22 bearing the name of Wong Chi-fong. This man, said he, was the only man who had been flying to Siam on that date, and he was the only man who was taken to the Kowloon Hospital in an unconscious state.

## Personalia

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Zindel, Mrs. J. H. Watson, Miss J. Bell, Miss J. Ledestro, Miss J. S. Varland, Miss A. J. Smith, Captain B. B. Dionne, Messrs. W. Zadra, K. S. Wong, K. Gulek, D. L. Mobley and Captain J. Forest.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Tripp, Mrs. A. B. Russell, Mrs. E. Hallows, Messrs. W. Slascek, G. T. Kagan, P. C. de Crespiigny, A. M. Craig, A. V. Cross and H. McKay.

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## Local companies not informed of Shanghai evacuation plans

### Replacements for Garrison

More replacements for the Colony's Garrison arrived yesterday by the troopship Lancashire from the United Kingdom.

The Empire Orwell, which reached Hong Kong over the week-end with replacements, left last evening with replacements and men on furlough for Home.

### Robber suspect on trial

An alleged robber who is accused of having robbed a 73-year-old Chinese woman and a goldsmith's shop on two different occasions stood trial before Mr. E. H. Williams, Acting Chief Justice, and a jury of six men and one woman at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

According to the prosecution, Lau Fat, alias Lau Kin, with others not in custody robbed the Fuk Cheung goldsmith's shop, 14, Lung Kung Road, at gunpoint on October 31 of about \$11,000 worth of jewellery.

On November 1, he alone is alleged to have entered a house at the Pak Tin Village, Shum-shuipo, and relieved 73-year-old Chang Kiu at the point of a gun of jewellery and about \$6,000 which she carried in her person.

Mr. A. Heenan, who prosecuted assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector P. Lowe, told the jury that the prosecution relied solely on statements made by the accused after his arrest. The accused was not identified by any of his victims.

After corroborative evidence as to the robberies was given, the trial adjourned until this morning.

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Local shipping companies have hitherto not received any instructions relative to a renewed attempt to evacuate foreign nationals from Shanghai.

The Hong Kong Office of the China Navigation Company declared last evening that no information about the despatch of a CNC vessel to the Yangtse had reached them. The American President Lines' local office is similarly "in the dark."

According to news agency reports from San Francisco yesterday, Mr. George Killian, President of the APL, announced on Wednesday that his Shanghai office had received permission from both the Communist and Nationalist authorities to evacuate foreigners from Shanghai with river steamers.

The Chinese have permitted some 2,000 foreign nationals, including 400 Americans, to leave the metropolis. The two steamers, that will take them away will proceed to Saddle Island, in the mouth of the Yangtse, where they will rendezvous with the two LST's that have been waiting there since negotiations broke down. (The LST's were to ferry passengers up and down the river from and to the General Gordon.)

The LST's will go directly to Yokohama or Nagasaki, where passengers will have to wait for APL liners—General Gordon and President Cleveland—to Hong Kong.

### Heard nothing

The APL said it had heard nothing from the State Department about this development.

The General Gordon is now about three days out of Honolulu. It started from Japan after a previous attempt to arrange the evacuation fell through.

Associated Press reported from Tokyo yesterday that the State Department and the APL officials there declared that they had no definite confirmation that 1,000 American nationals, including 400 Americans, would be taken permission to leave Shanghai.

It was learned, however, "AP" further stated, that a plan has been under consideration for some time to use river steamers now in Shanghai to remove the foreigners. The evacuees would be taken down the Yangtse in the Communist ships, would be transferred to two landing craft and then to the General Gordon.

### Fortune teller's forecast proves right

A fortune teller's forecast that unless he gave a lot of money away, bad luck would come to him, proved right for Cheung Sze-king, aged 33, who was given 12 months hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday.

Defendant was charged with larceny by bail of 295 taels of gold valued at \$79,850, the property of Keung Shui.

Detective Sub-Inspector James Martin told the court that the gold was sent by Keung Shui from Taiwan to defendant.

Defendant changed the gold into American dollars at the Wing Leung Bank. For some reason or other defendant saw a fortune teller and had his fortune told. He was told that unless he gave away some money, bad luck would come to him. Neither the gold nor the fortune teller were found. The fortune teller, it was alleged by defendant, had gone to Canton.

Defendant said in dock that the relationship between himself and complainant was so good that he would have no reason to defraud or betray him. He said that he had nothing to worry about as he had board and lodging provided for him. Defendant said that he handed the gold to the fortune teller who in turn threw it away. The magistrate asked DSI Martin whether he believed defendant's story. Mr. Martin replied that he did not.

### Causeway Bay Welfare Ass'n inaugurated

The Causeway Bay Kaifong Welfare Advancement Association was formally inaugurated in a simple ceremony at the Ying King Restaurant yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Tse Yu-chuen, the Chairman, and Mr. Lau Tak-po and Mr. Yan Ping-kwan, the two Vice-Chairmen, welcomed the guests who included representatives from other welfare organizations in the Colony.

Mr. J. T. Wakefield, the Social Welfare Officer, commended the promoters of the newly born Association on their public-spiritedness. It was a good sign of awakening civic consciousness among the people of the community.

Mr. C. N. Li, the Assistant Social Welfare Officer, who assisted in the organization of the new Association, was also present.

### Sequel to shooting affray

The shooting affray between police and robbers last Sunday, when a constable and a pedestrian were wounded, had a sequel at Central yesterday when three alleged robbers appeared in Court.

One of the alleged robbers, who was wounded in the legs, was helped in to Court yesterday by two policemen.

The three accused, Sin Tso, alias Kong, So, aged 31, Ting Tung-hoi, aged 29, odd job painter of 13 Li Tung Street, second floor, Wanchai, and Sin Hoi, aged 27, alias Lai Chit-ait, alias Sin Yuk-ling, of 13 Li Tung Street, second floor, Wanchai, faced Mr. Reynolds on charges of armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition without a licence. First accused was also charged with shooting at Police. Constable Tung Tai-long with intent to resist arrest.

The accused were alleged to have robbed Kong Chong-hang of 306 Des Voeux Road Central, first floor, of \$3,160.75. At the time of the robbery the accused were alleged to have been armed with a Mauser pistol and an ordinary pistol.

In naming the court for two days remand in police custody, Detective-Inspector A. F. J. Cochrane said that the first two accused were arrested on Wednesday while the third accused was arrested yesterday morning.

The first accused will have to go back to the Queen Mary Hospital as he was wounded in the legs by revolver bullets. The police allege that the bullets which hit him were fired by the other two accused.

### Two sentenced in robbery of goldsmith

Mr. Justice Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge, yesterday sentenced two men to hard labour at the Criminal Sessions in connection with an armed robbery at a goldsmith's shop.

Wong Sang, who was found guilty of possession of arms by a jury of five men and two women, was acquitted on the robbery charge. He was given four years and eight strokes.

Wong Kong, who pleaded guilty to robbery with aggravation and possession of arms, was given eight years and 10 strokes. This sentence will be consecutive to one he is now serving for breach of a deportation.

Wong Kong admitted a previous conviction of possession of arms. The robbery was committed at the Tin Cheung Goldsmiths at 10 Lung Kong Road, by Wong Kong and a person unknown. About \$780 worth of jewellery was taken by the robbers, who smashed the showcase.

Denying the charge against him, Wong Sang alleged he had been compelled by the police under duress to make certain statements after his arrest.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, prosecuted assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector P. Lowe.

## Reminders

### Today

HK Stage Club, Dinner-Dance for members and friends, Root Garden, HK Hotel.  
Women's Section, European YMCA, Beginner's Dress-making, 10 a.m.  
Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral hall, 1.15 p.m.  
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.  
Cheong Services Club, Amateur Night, 7.30 p.m.  
HK Tramways Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's board room, 11 a.m.  
HK and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's board room, 12 noon.  
China Entertainment and Land Investment Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Theatre Bldg., 12 noon.  
Kowloon Bowling Green Club, annual meeting, 8.30 p.m.  
Anzac Day Committee meeting for making commemorative arrangements at HKDF Officer Mess, Volunteer Centre, 5.30 p.m.  
Easter Parade fashion show, Luna Park, 1 p.m.

### Coming Events

#### TOMORROW

Services Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys School, 8.15 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

HK Art Club, sketching party to Taipei, members to meet at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.  
Toe H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.  
Confirmation Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11 a.m. (GOC-in-C will read the Lessons).

## Obituary

### Mr. T. E. Dunn

News was received yesterday of the death of an old China hand, Mr. T. E. Dunn, at Strand Beach, California. The late Mr. Dunn first came to China in the early 1890's and spent most of his time in Shanghai. He was also stationed at various times in Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, where he was also well-known.

Popularly known as "Dooley," deceased was a typical Irishman, being full of ready wit. He was a very good sportsman, having been an amateur cycling champion in his youth. He later turned to riding, and as an amateur scored notable successes on the race tracks of Shanghai, Tientsin and Hankow. In the latter port, he held the record for the largest number of wins in the classic events. He rode his last race at the age of 63 on the Shanghai track, and placed third on his own pony, Caubeen.

He served with distinction in the South African campaign, as well as in the Boxer Rebellion, and was an ardent member of the Volunteer Corps in Hankow and Shanghai.

When the Pacific War broke out, he was arrested by the Japanese and interned in the Halphong Road camp. As a result of the sufferings he went through during the war years, his health was greatly impaired and in 1946 he retired to California.

At the time of his death, deceased was 83 years old. He is survived by three sons and two daughters, and several grandchildren. His eldest son, Edward, is at present a resident in Hong Kong.

## Inquiry into Harbour collision; coxswains are found guilty

Coxswains of the Hong Kong Yaumati ferry launch Man To and the motor boat Australia, which collided in mid-stream on March 16 resulting in the death of two European passengers, were both found guilty of handling their vessels without sufficient caution and without seaman-like care.

Leung Sai-lo of the Man To had his licence suspended for two months, while Cheng Ki of the Australia had his suspended for a month, according to the findings of the Marine Department inquiry, released last evening by the Government.

The departmental inquiry also recommended the installation of more efficient sound signalling apparatus on small power-driven craft. It was learned that as a result of the recommendation, motor boats engaged in cross-harbour transportation have to be equipped with klaxons in lieu of the existing trumpets.

The Court comprising Mr. T. B. Low (President) and Mr. D. Edwards (Member) declared that the circumstances leading to the tragic event should not have arisen had either vessel been handled with due and seaman-like care. "We consider that insufficient caution was exercised by the coxswains of both vessels in these circumstances," the Court asserted.

Describing the position which led to the collision, the Court said: "Both vessels were thus in a position analogous to that of a motorist entering a main highway at a blind corner or a pedestrian leaving the pavement to cross the road ahead of a stationary bus."

### Drastic action

"When the vessels sighted each other, they were in such positions relative to each other and proceeding at such speeds that collision could only be avoided by immediate and drastic action."

"The interval between first sighting the Australia and the collision is estimated by the Man To's coxswain at approximately one minute. Our calculations indicate that the interval may have been somewhat less than this," the findings said.

The findings recalled the mishap which occurred at about 10.30 p.m. on March 16 when the Australia was leaving the American steamer Steel Navigator, moored at buoy A 2 with three European passengers, Mr. David Fitzroy-Williams of Gilman and Company, Mrs. P. Osborne and the radio operator of the steamer.

She was travelling at full speed of five to six knots. The Man To was bound for Mongkok, stopping to pass to the Eastward of the Steel Navigator. She had reached a position of about 300 feet East of the steamer's stern and was travelling at about nine knots when Leung saw, fine-on-his-port-bow, the white mast-head light and the green side light of the Australia coming clear of the buoy. The distance, estimated by Leung, was about 400 feet from the green light. Leung gave two short blasts and altered his course slightly to port. No appreciable alteration of the bearing of the green light was noticed and Leung gave another two short blasts, altering to port slightly again.

No reduction of speed was made by the Man To at this time. No sound signals were heard from the Australia and no action on the part of the motor boat was detected. Two short blasts were sounded and a slight alteration to port was made for the third time when

the distance from the Australia was estimated to be 200 feet but full speed was maintained until the motor boat's port side light was seen about right ahead at a distance estimated by Leung to be 120 feet.

The engines were then put full speed astern. No sound signals were heard from the motor boat.

### Altered course

Shortly after passing buoy A2, Cheng Ki saw the white mast-head light and red light of a vessel which he recognised to be a ferry, at a distance estimated to be 200-250 feet, approximately on his starboard beam. He immediately altered course to starboard and sounded one blast on a portable horn blown by mouth.

While altering course he heard two blasts from the ferry and later a second two blasts. He continued to alter course to starboard considering it too late to attempt to pass ahead of the Man To. The Australia turned through approximately 180 degrees and was struck on the port side.

The marks on the ferry and on the Australia indicate that the stem of the ferry launch struck the awning of the Australia near her stern, causing her to heel over and swing against the port bow of the Man To with a force sufficient to fracture some frames and open up the planking. The motor boat capsized and sank immediately. The propeller of the Man To was at that time going full speed astern and its wash may have augmented the capsizing.

The Court considered that the Australia when first sighted was crossing the Central Fairway obliquely and had no claim to right of way under Ordinances 10 of 1892, Table M. (6). "We find that the coxswains of both vessels concerned considered on this occasion that the Australia was the giving way ship and the Man To the 'standing on' ship. We find that the immediate cause of this collision was the action taken by the Leung... we can find no justification for the action by the coxswain of the Man To on this occasion."

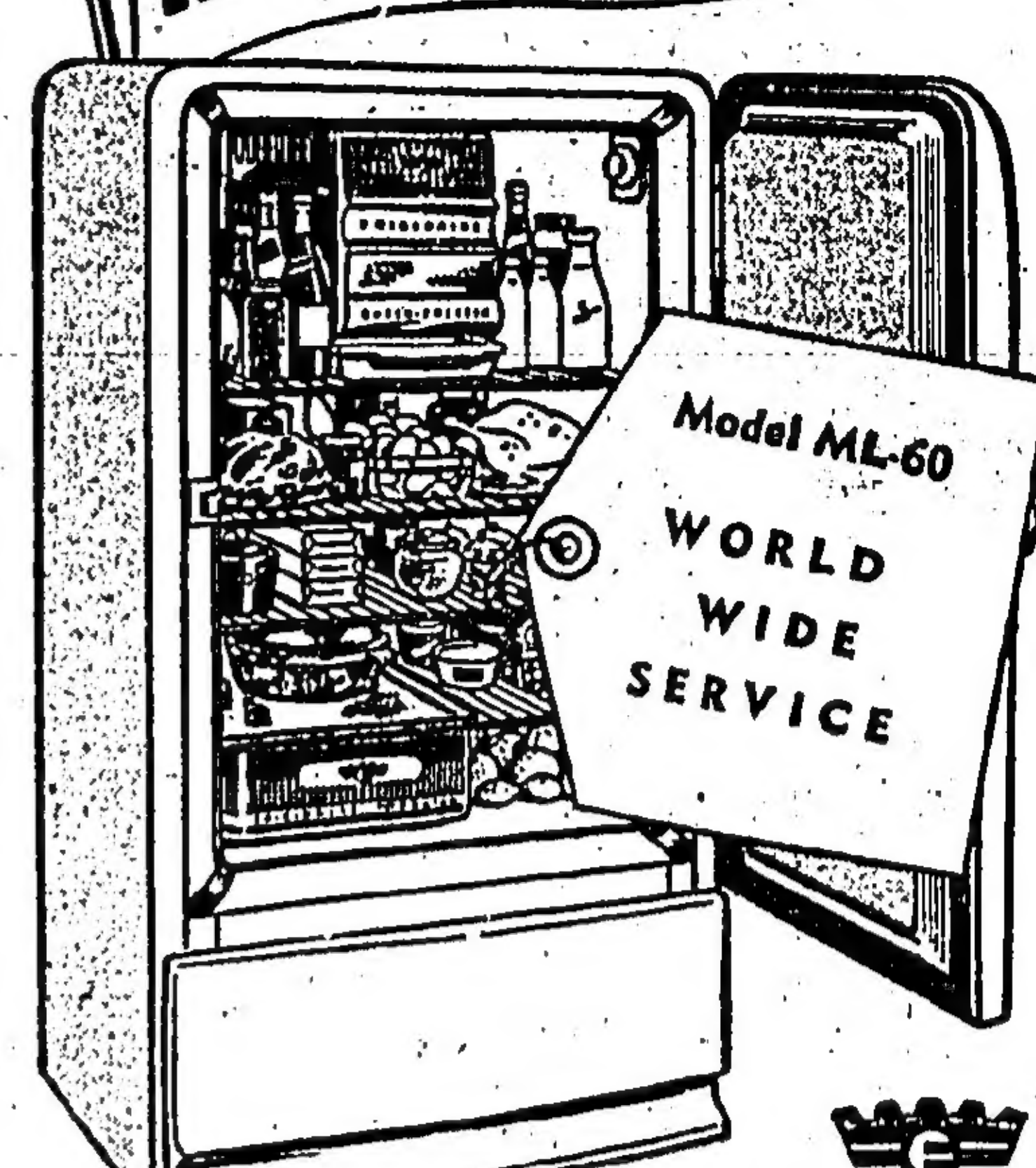
"If he considered that the two vessels were so close that collision could not be averted by action of the Australia alone, his duty was to take such action as would best aid to avert collision."

"We cannot consider that slight alteration of course to port while continuing at full speed constituted that required action. In putting his helm to starboard and endeavouring to pass astern of the Man To, the coxswain of the motor boat was acting in accordance with regulations," the Court declared.

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As the Ordinance came into effect on the 16th of July, 1948, the time limit fixed in the section quoted expires on the 15th of July next.

All persons entitled to compensation and who have not yet submitted claims are therefore advised to do so immediately. Copies of the Extension Plan and Extension Schedule showing the Lots which have reverted to the Crown under the Ordinance and the compensation payable therefor may, on payment of a fee of one dollar, be inspected in the Land Office, Supreme Court Building, Victoria, or at the office of the Assistant Land Officer, New Territories, Kowloon Magistracy Building, during the usual office hours.

Claims for compensation must be made on Form No. 1 specified in the Second Schedule to the Ordinance. On payment of a fee of one dollar copies of this form are obtainable at the offices mentioned above.

Claims in respect of Kowloon Inland Lots and New Kowloon Inland Lots should be submitted to the Land Officer, Supreme Court Building, and claims in respect of Lots in the New Territories should be submitted to the Assistant Land Officer, New Territories, Kowloon Magistracy Building.

W. ANEURIN JONES, Registrar General. March 27, 1950.

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E. A. BOYCE, Director of Public Works. Hong Kong March 30, 1950.

## NOTICE

## HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY

The Hong Kong Family Welfare Society is holding a Flower Day on Saturday, April 1st. It is hoped that the public will give generously in order that the Society may maintain and expand its work amongst poor families of this City.

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Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 31st day of March, 1950, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1949.

To elect two Directors.

To appoint Auditors.

## CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 18th March, 1950 to the 31st March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 13, 1950.

## NOTICE

## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Wednesday, 5th April 1950, at 8.30 p.m.

Membership forms may be had on application to P.O. Box 1752, Kowloon.

It is requested that members should make every effort to attend this meeting.

By Order of the General Committee.

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## NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Friday, the 31st day of March 1950 at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st day of March 1950 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1950.

## HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Friday, 31st day of March, 1950, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th day of March to the 31st day of March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
W. H. PATTERSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1950.

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that the Fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company will be held in the Board Room of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at No. 27, Churche Street, Shanghai, on Thursday, 11th May, 1950, at 4.00 p.m. for the purpose of passing the Directors' Report and the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, electing Directors, appointing Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

Proxies in order to be valid must be deposited not less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the Meeting.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the thirteenth day of April, 1950, to the eleventh day of May, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 31, 1950.

## NOTICE WATER SUPPLY

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and  
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E. A. BOYCE, Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, March 29, 1950.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"What do you mean he's the image of his father? That's a cabbage you're looking at!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authority

## STEAL THEIR SIGNS

IN BASEBALL, one unpardonable sin is the missing of a sign given by one player to a teammate, or by a coach. Not only does that principle apply to bridge among fine players, but another baseball feature also counts—the effort to steal the opponents' signs. In other words, the expert cardman watches all cards to coveydrop on the opponents' signs when he is dealer.

S 7 0  
H J 9 4 3  
D A Q J  
C K Q 8 3  
S Q J 10 8 2  
H 2  
D 10 6 4  
C J 7 6 5

S A 5  
H K Q 10 7 6 5  
D 7 3 2  
C 10 8

(Dealer: North, Neither side vulnerable.)

North East South West  
1 C Pass 1 H Pass  
2 H Pass 4 H  
West opened the spade Q, on which East put the A; the A winning. South led the heart 5 to the J, which brought forth the A, whereupon East returned the spade 9. West won with the 10 and returned the club 5, on which the 3 was played from dummy and East put the A. Lacking any hopeful return East led his heart 6 to the K. Now South finessed the diamond Q and the trick won by the K set his contract.

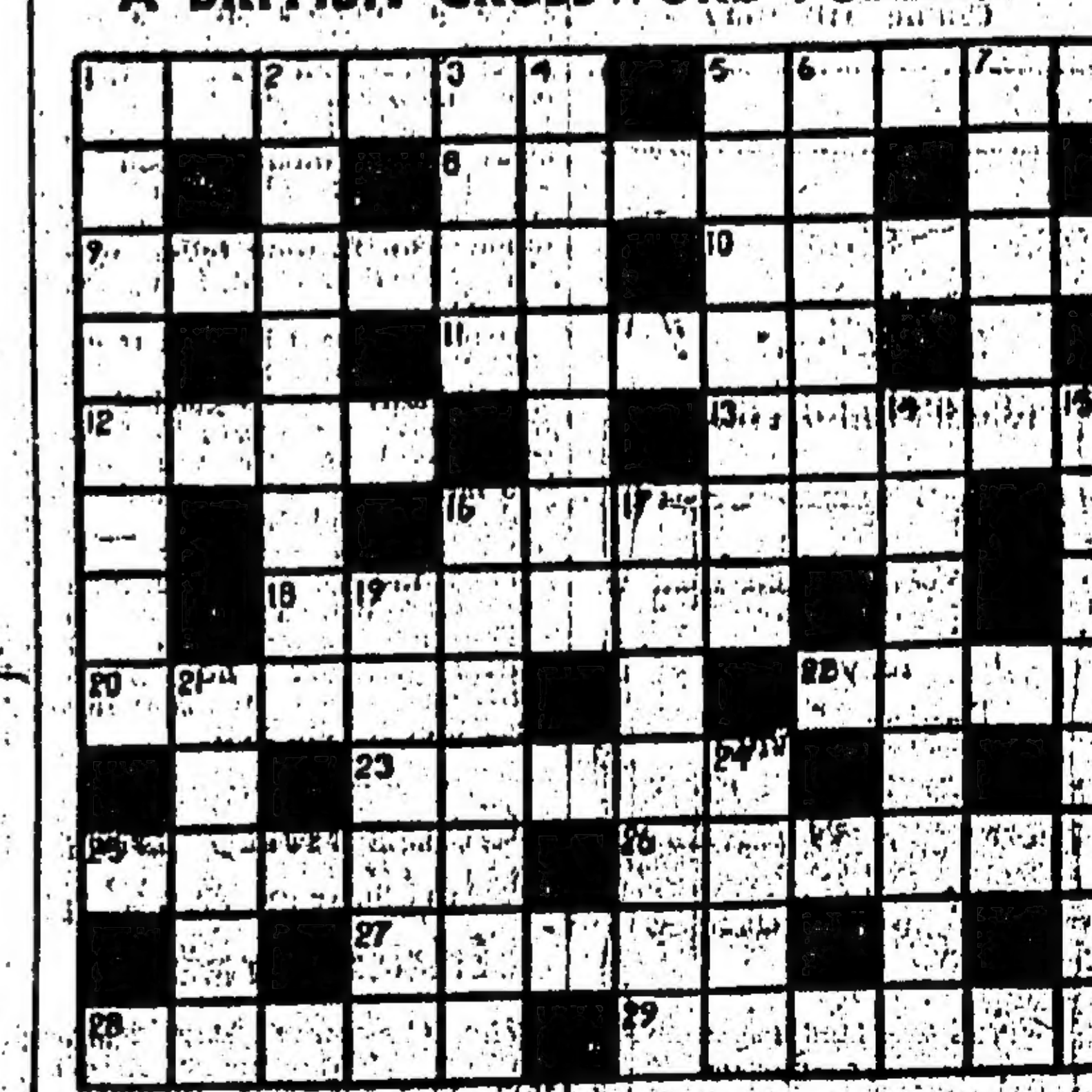
Both West and South failed to read the plainly legible signs. Both knew from the first trick that East had the spade K. From East's standpoint, why didn't East put that K on the Q and then return later either his remaining highest 9 or fourth-best 3? Unorthodox play of the 4 instead of the K, and then return of the high 9 could only be to signal for a lead, a suit preference signal asking for the higher ranking of the other side suits. If West had so read and returned a diamond, defeat of the contract would have been assured by the defence.

As it was, defeat depended on South not making similar readings. If West held six spades to the Q-J-10, he would have made a vulnerable overall; hence he had only five and East four; therefore the manner of play was a signal for a diamond switch. The later lead of the club 5, and the marked three higher cards, the 3-4-6, with West. Hence a finesse of the club 10 would work against the J. So, when South was in with the heart K, he could have taken that finesse, and on two clubs he could have put two diamonds, avoiding the finesse and assuring his contract.

Your Weekend Question

What factor, in addition to the strength of your hand, is an important consideration toward deciding whether or not to open the bidding in fourth-hand position after three passes?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1 Large wood. 18 Container.  
5 Jolly. 19 Climbs.  
8 Brown. 20 Avarice.  
before the. 21 Urges.  
fire. 22 Puzzle.  
9 Title-tattle. 23 Refuse.  
10 Sweetener. 24 Myth.  
11 Ambush. 25 Sharp.  
12 Engagement. 26 Stroll.  
13 Get up. 27 Fits.

Down  
1 Battling. 14 Half-spread.  
2 Answer. 15 pressed.  
3 Ade. 16 laughs.  
4 Treading. 17 Settles down.  
with current. 18 Rise and fall.  
affairs. 19 of voice.  
5 Declares. 20 Consequences.  
10 Work. 21 Grains.  
11 An artist. 22 Territory.  
12 Likeness. 23 Ooze.

Yesterday's Crossword  
Across—1 Tattos, 5 Socks, 8 Wink, 9 Guided, 11 Abate, 12 Model, 13 Heal, 14 Thine, 15 Deviant, 16 Hesitate, 17 Altered, 18 Innate, 19 Dapper, 21 Arise, 22 Speed, 23 Report.  
Down—1 Tigs, 2 Trink, 3 Owed, 4 Ordeal, 5 Statute, 6 Charity, 7 Shelter, 8 Doves, 9 Delious, 10 Hesitate, 11 Altered, 12 Innate, 13 Dapper, 14 Arise, 15 Speed, 16 Report.



# ROXY BROADWAY

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# CINEMA WORLD

## Joan Fontaine in drama with Burt Lancaster

Rating: \* \*  
A fairly thrilling drama, "Kiss The Blood Off My Hands," starring Burt Lancaster and Joan Fontaine, is coming to the King's Theatre. The theme of the picture, as the title suggests, is that guilt can't be washed off so easily, and that the law of our civilisation demands that, in one way or another, crimes cry for punishment.

From the moment she decides to help Lancaster, she becomes enmeshed in a world of intrigue and evil. She probably never dreamed existed, and the movie-goer's only hope will probably be that the law will treat them both kindly.

Burt Lancaster doesn't have to do much acting to fill his role. His face and figure speak volumes. Miss Fontaine is excellent as the nurse who helps her destiny with a man who has lost belief in himself, while Robert Newton steals many scenes as the Cockney blackmailer who gets what he deserves.

Barring the film's suspenseful and tender moments, the only fault of "Kiss The Blood Off My Hands" is its obvious certainty.

From the moment Bashing Burt knocks an unsuspecting bartender into another world, it is obvious that he is a doomed man; Hollywood insists that crime must be punished.

Miss Fontaine, who becomes involved with Burt Lancaster when he climbs into her bedroom to escape the police, soon discovers that Love sometimes has a way of kicking the unsuspecting partaker in the teeth.

A member of a struggling Theatre Group, and in love with its director, played by Victor Mature, battling Betty is "snatched" when she is, innocently enough, involved in a gang shooting.

Most of the film is rather humdrum material, with a bright sequence at the end, in which Hutton and Mature give the gang a thrashing which is pure Keystone.

The blonde bombshell shouts her way through several songs, dances a little, does a wicked skit on "I Am a Pirate".

Supporting cast includes June Haver, William Demarest, and Jane Nigh.



LORETTA YOUNG, VAN JOHNSON AND FRIEND  
The sweater fits nicely.

## Light comedy fare at Roxy, Broadway

Rating: \* \*  
"Mother is a Freshman," starring the ever-young Loretta Young and boyish Van Johnson, which is now at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres, is amusing and worth while seeing if you have the time.

The film is a feather-brained variation on one of Hollywood's most cherished myths: that U.S. mothers up to the age of 40 should be able to look and act like their teen-age daughters.

Beautiful Technicolor plus the "atmosphere" of a U.S. college campus tend to offset the improbability of the plot, which zig-zags its merry way to a happy ending.

## RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using the following classifications to indicate to readers the quality of films reviewed:

- Excellent
- Above average
- Average
- Below average

## FILM NEWS ON SALE TOMORROW

The April issue of the Hong Kong Film and Theatre News goes on sale tomorrow, and cinema fans are assured their money's worth in features on their favourite stars, personality sketches and "sneak" previews of coming attractions.

The film story of the month is Universal-International's "Kiss The Blood Off My Hands," a drama coming to the King's Theatre.

Subjects of features are Richard Widmark, Maureen O'Hara, Shelley Winters and Gregory Peck.

In addition to the regular features of the magazine, there is a full-page portrait of Jane Powell and a pin-up of Cornel Wilde.

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**SILVER WEDDING**  
FARRELL: Joy.—On March 31st  
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Edward Farrell to Marjorie  
Thorp Joy.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
MISS CECILIA GRANT of 21,  
Ashley Road hereby an-  
nounces that her engagement  
to Leading Seaman Geoffrey  
Hill of H.M.S. Tamar has  
been broken off.

**DEATH**  
EDMONDS, William Harold,  
M.B.E., of 100 King's Drive  
Bristol 7, England, late Public  
Works Department Hongkong  
died suddenly 4th March,  
1950, age 65.

**LAST WORDS**  
The trouble about Colonial  
Governments with an official  
majority is their sweet  
reasonableness in debate. In  
Parliaments run by Parties  
the fur flies furiously, and  
the ruling and opposition  
parties regard each other, for  
the purposes of debate any-  
way, as sworn enemies. Now  
we have His Excellency claim-  
ing the unofficial members as  
partners with the official  
members in the Government,  
and repudiating a description  
of them as the Opposition!  
There was even the still more  
modest suggestion that the  
Unofficials actually ride,  
guide, whip or spur the poor,  
dumb, but obedient  
quadruped, biped, or wooden  
horse of Government! But  
riders do have difficulties  
with their mounts sometimes.  
Exactly how the taxpayer  
figures in this sporting conceit  
we do not know, unless it be  
the inanimate saddle!

Nevertheless, if Govern-  
ment insistently knows better  
than its rider, if it goes its own  
gait and always gets there, it  
is neither silent nor sullen. It  
has an argument for every  
signal, and removes the  
idiomatic steamroller from  
controversy as a graceless  
mismomer. It merely has the  
last word, and as it always  
wins, nothing is left to the  
punter but to applaud, and  
pay up instead of pick up—  
for this is where an otherwise  
pleasant simile vanishes from  
the sportive scene.

Certainly, the Unofficial  
members cannot complain  
that the arguments they put  
forward were ignored. They  
were merely overwhelmed  
with a mighty mass of coun-  
ter-argument, always with  
that air of sweet reasonableness  
which makes a hostile  
vote seem so ungracious—not  
to say futile as well. And we  
must say, in a spirit both  
rueful and grudging, that  
much of it carried conviction  
too!

It's all wrong, of course.  
Governments that derive from  
no popular franchise have no  
business to work upon public  
complacency like this. They  
should have an inferiority  
complex, and bridle at the  
least suggestion of criticism,  
as Party Governments are  
wont to do. But look at the  
grief with which the Financial  
Secretary spoke of the costs  
of administration—and think  
of the effect it must have  
made on the stony hearts of  
the spending Departments  
whose demands Mr. Follows  
has to meet!

There were even two kinds  
of grief, crushing in their

# WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE THIRD BOOK



## THE GRAND ALLIANCE The war in the desert

By Winston Churchill

war also as opportunity serves. Surely your troops have advanced far enough for security during the war and could now halt and give leave. It is not necessary to make any public declaration, but simply leave off fighting and cease military operations, for which the severe winter affords every reason, and make a de facto exit from the war.

I wish I could convince your Excellency that we are going to beat the Nazis. I feel far more confident than in 1917 or 1918. It would be most painful to the many friends of your country in England if Finland found herself in the dock with the guilty and defeated Nazis. My recollections of our pleasant talks and correspondence about the last war lead me to send this purely personal and private message to your consideration before it is too late. On December 2 I received Field-Marshal Mannerheim's answer.

Field-Marshal Mannerheim to Prime Minister Churchill.

I had yesterday the honor to receive through the Inter-

been ordered to make plans for this movement, the completion of which will of course depend upon the facilities afforded for detailed reconnaissance.

The attitude of Turkey becomes increasingly important, both to Russia and to Great Britain. The Turkish army of 50 divisions requires air support. We have promised a minimum of four and a maximum of 12 fighter squadrons to Turkey in the event of Turkey being attacked. In this event we might require to withdraw some of the squadrons proposed to be sent into action on the Russian Southern front. The best use of our aircraft on both shores of the Black Sea and the types to be employed require to be decided according to cir-

### Different view

The Commanders-in-Chief at Cairo took a different view. They looked to the defence of the Delta and the Canal, of Basra and the Caucasus, and the "basin of the Taurus range" as the first essentials.

They did not consider Sicily either practicable or necessary. Their minds lay right-handed to the East, and should it be decided to move Westward and should our efforts prosper they preferred the occupation of Bizerta to any attempt on Sicily. I fully understood their reasoning, which was strongly supported by General Wavell from India. In consequence I abandoned the idea of an attack on Sicily ("Whipcord").

Our plan, if everything prospered, was therefore: The clearance of Cyrenaica by the defeat of Rommel's army; the advance to Tripoli; and, with the French help and invitation, if forthcoming, the entry into French North West Africa. The Sicily project was dependent upon the favourable outcome of the first two, and would be an alternative to the third. All this was, however, so speculative that I did not wish to continue the strategic argument with the Middle East Command.

Prime Minister to Minister of State.

11 November 41.  
I could find no answer but silence to your and Auchinleck's telegrams about "Crusader." No view can be taken of the future until we know how this goes. A battle is a veil through which it is not wise to peer.

German Army Planning Staff had made a study of future operations, called Plan "Orient," to overthrow the British position in the Middle East. Their major assumption was that the Russian war would come to a successful end in the autumn. If so—a big "if"—a Panzer Corps from the Caucasus would drive Southwards through Persia in the winter of 1941-42. From Bulgaria, if Turkey acquiesced, a force of 10 divisions, half of them armoured and motorised, would traverse Anatolia into Syria and Iraq. If Turkey resisted, double that strength would be needed, and in consequence the plan would have to wait till 1942.

The German and Italian forces in Africa were given only the third place. Their role during the summer and autumn of 1941 was to be purely defensive, except that Tobruk was to be taken. By the winter their losses in men and equipment would be made up, and then, when the general assault was made on Persia and Iraq, and our attention and forces were distracted, the Axis army in Libya would advance on Cairo.

The autumn and winter months were therefore our opportunity. The German Air was gone from Sicily. The Russian front lapped up the fuel needed for the Italian Fleet. During August 83 per cent of the supplies and reinforcements to Rommel were lost. In October this important figure rose to 93 per cent. The Italians were pressed to organise an alternative route of supply by air. At the end of September Mussolini undertook to carry reinforcements by air to Tripoli at the rate of 10,000 men a month, but by the end of October only 9,000 had arrived. Sea transport to Tripoli was at the same time brought to a standstill, and only a few convoys ran our blockade and reached Benghazi.

(To be continued)

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"Threat to cite Truman for contempt." That would be a cite worth seeing.

So the new budget has, as expected, received the hallowed rubber stamp. It follows that government is more firmly convinced than ever that the taxpayers owe it a living.

Hirohito is said to be regaining his old divinity. It'll take a little time, though. There's more competition these days, in a general sort of way.

Talking about the emperor's tour, a contemporary stated that when H. arrived at one village, "many inept with joy." Which is better after all than being like some people, just inept.

In view of all this Victory Bondage, I can honestly say that I'd like to be in business in the people's paradise these days.

"A land girl in the 1914-18 war and a staff sergeant in the ATS in World is shown in the Albert Hall War II, Miss Ruth Burton re-united with Pte. E. E. James of Brixton."

This war in the Albert Hall sounds most interesting, but the photograph was deadly dull.

No, Myrtle, a Soviet is not a Russian napkin.

"The robbers threw the shop watchman's shotgun on the street, which the watchman retrieved and with which he aimed at the escaping thugs."

In all the excitement, the fellow was understandably confused.

The agency report of "a wee hour's vote" makes me think that a more minute knowledge of popular sayings would prevent a second misquotation. That sma' Scots upbringing.

"The play will be given in two parts. Sixteen years passes between parts one and two. Coffee will be served during the interval."

The Tingling Restaurant across the street is quoting reduced rates for snacks by the month.

With all these imported troops and technicians Russian about, there is said to be a move afoot to re-name it Shanghai.

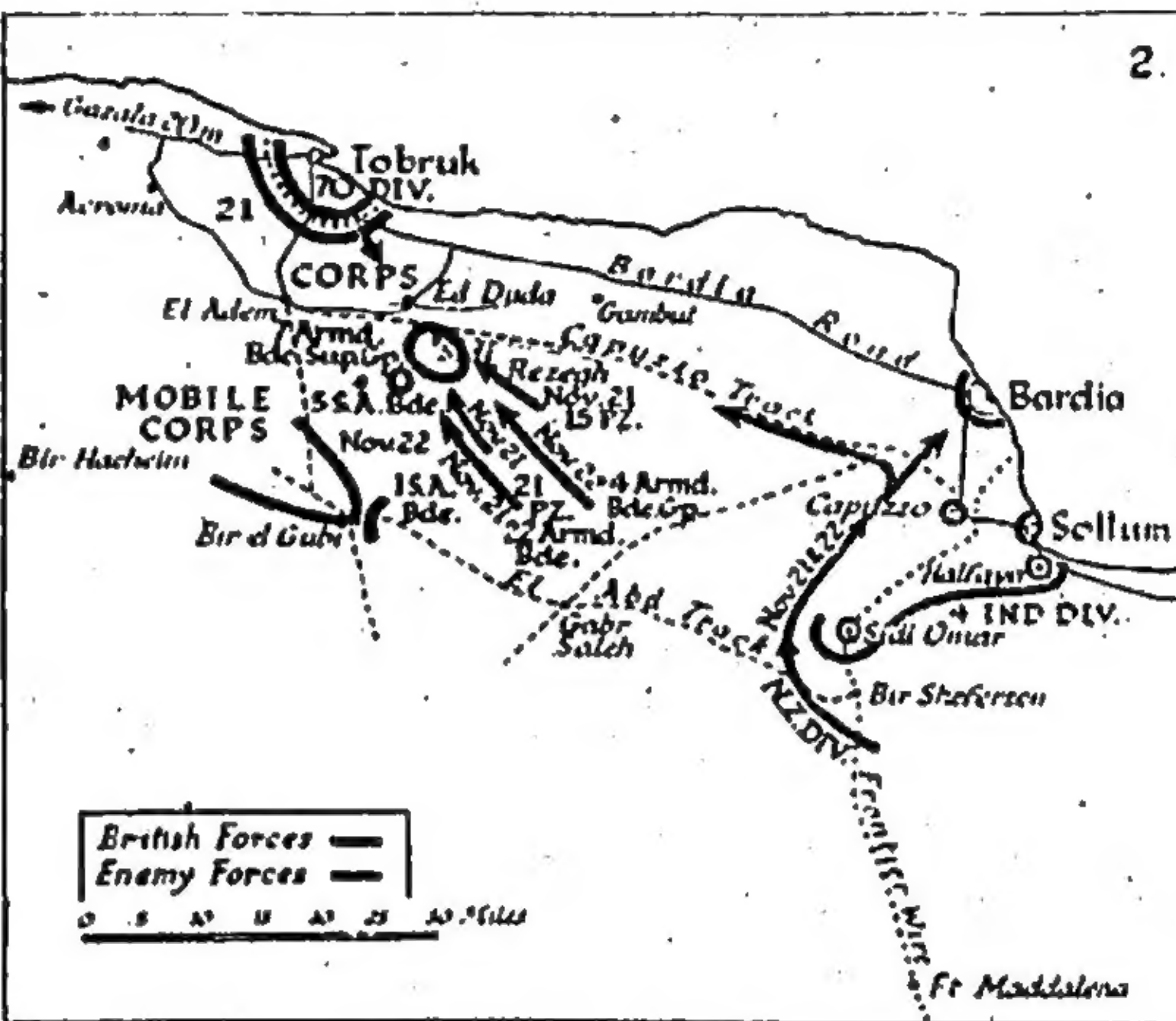
An old man stood on the street corner waiting to cross, while traffic screamed by. The car went on and he became impatient.

Seeing another old man on the other side of the street, he called out, "I say, how did you get over there?"

The other ancient cupped his hands about his mouth and shouted: "I was born over here."



Give me the hurdles every time, boy—at least there's an even chance of ditching the "jockey!"



FIRST BATTLE OF SIDI REZEGH

mediary of the American Minister at Helsinki your letter of November 20, 1941, and I thank you for your courtesy in sending me this private message. I am sure you will realise that it is impossible for me to cease my present military operations before my troops have reached positions which in my opinion would give us the security required. I would regret if these operations, carried out in order to safeguard Finland, would bring my country into a conflict with England, and I will be deeply grieved if you will consider yourself forced to declare war upon Finland. It was very kind of you to send me a personal message in these trying days, and I have fully appreciated it.

This reply made it clear that Finland was not prepared to withdraw her troops to her 1939 frontiers, and the British Government therefore went ahead with the arrangements to declare war. Similar action followed in regard to Rumania and Hungary.

### Eden's mission

It was against such a background that preparations were made for Mr. Eden's mission to Moscow. He was to be accompanied by General Nye, Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff. A general review of the war in both its military and general aspects was to be undertaken. In these talks in Moscow, and if possible the alliance was to be put on a formal and written treaty basis.

I drew up a general directive for the Foreign Secretary, reviewing certain aspects of the military situation as seen from our side. The battle in the Desert, which will presently be described, was already at its height.

5 Dec. 41.  
The prolongation of the battle in Libya, which is drawing in so many Axis resources, will probably require the use both of the 50th and 18th British Divisions, which we had hoped might be available for the defence of the Caucasus or for action on the Russian front. In the near future therefore these divisions cannot be considered available.

The best form which our aid can take (apart from supplies) is the placing of a strong component of the Air Force, say 10 squadrons, on the Southern flank of the Russian army, where, among other things, they can help protect the Russian naval bases on the Black Sea. These squadrons will be withdrawn from the Libyan battle at the earliest moment when success has been gained. The movement of their ground personnel and stores will not unduly choke the Trans-Persian communications, as would be the case if infantry divisions were sent. The High Command in the Middle East has

circumstances by consultation between the British and Russian Governments and Staffs.

### Desert war

Before the opening of General Auchinleck's desert offensive ("Crusader") on November 18, 1941, discussions took place regarding the exploitation of the expected success by seizing French North Africa and Sicily.

My hopes were that we might win a decisive victory in the Western Desert and drive Rommel back through Libya and Tripoli. If all went well this might bring about the rallying from Vichy of Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco, and perhaps even the accession of Vichy itself. This purpose was only a hope built on a hope. But we held ready in the United Kingdom one armoured and three field divisions, with sufficient naval power, while the German Air Force was absorbed in Russia, to carry them to any point in the Western Mediterranean.

If we got Tripoli, and France would not move, our possession of Malta would enable us to descend upon Sicily, and thus open up the only possible "Second Front" in Europe within our power while we were alone in the West. I could not see anything, else, except Norway, however good our fortune on the battlefield, which we could accomplish by ourselves in 1942. The plan for the invasion of Sicily had been carefully worked out by the Chiefs of Staff and the Planning Committee. We called it "Whipcord."

Once Rommel was beaten and his small, audacious army destroyed and Tripoli was ours, it was not thought impossible for four divisions of our best troops, about 80,000 men, to land and conquer Sicily. The German Air Force, who had wrought us so much harm from the Sicilian airfields, had been called away to Russia, and there were now no German troops in the island. When our expedition was at sea and had entered the Mediterranean it would of course be spotted. But the enemy could not know whether we were going to French North Africa—Bizerta, Algiers, Oran—or to Sicily or Sardinia. Such are the advantageous options open to naval power.

It is one thing to see the forward path and another to be able to take it. But it is better to have an ambitious plan than none at all. All turned first on the success of General Auchinleck's long-prepared offensive in the Western Desert. All had to be reviewed in relation to the unknown dangers which would be opened upon us by a German penetration to the Caspian, or their possible movement through Turkey in the same direction, or into the Middle East—Syria, Palestine, Persia and Iraq. But, throughout, I regarded all these as comparatively unlikely possibilities. In the event this proved the correct view. I carried with me in the pur-

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# ACHESON REPORTS ON NEW ASIATIC POLICY

## Urged increased aid for the Far East MAJOR MOVES DISCLOSED

Washington, March 29.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the Ambassador-at-large, Dr. Philip Jessup, urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today for increased aid to help countries in the Far East resist Communism.

This was disclosed by Senator Tom Connally, Democratic Chairman of the Committee, after a two-and-a-half-hour closed meeting with Mr. Acheson and his senior advisers on Far Eastern policy.

Senator Connally said that the meeting had disclosed major United States policy moves in China, Taiwan and South East Asia.

## BRITISH POLICY IN CHINA

London, March 29.

British recognition of Communism in China was questioned in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Leonard Gammons, Conservative, asked if the Government had balanced the political benefits against the undoubted dislike of the action by Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

There was also the encouragement given to the Malayan bandits and the danger of having Chinese Communists in the consulates of Malaya, he said.

Mr. Kenneth Younger, the new Minister of State at the Foreign Office, replied that the Government had tried to balance these considerations. There was, he said, a division of opinion between nations about this question of recognition.

As for the encouragement which might have been given in Malaya, it was true there had been an increase of bandit activity, but it had been affected by the events in China, he suggested. It was much more likely to have been due to the Communist Chinese Army's progress in China than to recognition.

Asked how British interests in the Far East had benefited by recognition, Mr. Younger replied: "The Government's decision to recognise the Central People's Government was based on the facts of the situation in China, which were such as to require recognition according to the standards of international law and practice, and not on a calculation of immediate benefits."

"British interests have continued to encounter difficulties of various kinds since recognition was accorded. This has been in part due to the Nationalist blockade and in part to conditions prevailing in China."

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, said that the first practical step resulting from recognition should be the stopping of the extortion of penal monthly fines on European businesses in China.

Was the Government doing anything about this?

Mr. Younger replied that the British Government was doing all it could.—Reuter.

## WORLD BRAILLE SYSTEM PLAN

Paris, March 29.

Development of a single world Braille system for most of the world's 7,000,000 blind was recommended today by 20 experts from widely-scattered countries at the close of a 10-day conference sponsored by UNESCO.

The experts strongly recommended that a World Braille Council be set up to maintain uniformity in the future.

The delegates, 10 of them blind themselves, were headed by John Jarvis, secretary of the National League for the Blind in London. Among them were representatives from India, Pakistan, Egypt, Argentina, Hashemite-Jordan, France, Greece, China, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

One of their achievements, according to UNESCO, was the agreement of the Middle Eastern delegates to recommend that their Braille be written from left to right instead of right to left. Another was the decision to begin the creation of a Chinese Braille based on the Mandarin text.—Associated Press.

New York, March 29.

A leading bullion dealer today quoted foreign silver at 72 1/2 cents an ounce. New York, a reduction of 1/2 cent from the price which had prevailed since last September 7.—Associated Press.

## Government defeated in Commons vote

London, March 29. Winston Churchill's Conservative Government handed the Labour Government its first defeat in the new House of Commons last night.

But it was on a technical issue and does not mean the overturning of the Attlee Cabinet.

The Government was defeated 203 to 257 on a motion for adjournment.

The Conservatives forced the technical issue to a vote in a surprise move. It was apparently part of the Conservative strategy to keep under pressure the all-overall majority of three which Labour holds in the House.

After the vote was announced there were cries of "Resign" and "We are the masters now" from the Conservative side of the House.

—Associated Press.

## SPENDER PLAN BACKED

London, March 29.

Speaking in the House of Commons debate on foreign affairs' last night, Mr. Anthony Eden, Conservative, said that the Spender Plan—to develop South East Asia—should form the basis of British action in Asia.

That meant an effort to promote stable government in those countries and not merely to pay out millions of money which, without stable internal conditions, had very little effect.

"I hope the Government will send a strong delegation to Sydney," he said. He added that if the releases of sterling balances were to be regarded as part of this endeavour to improve economic conditions in Asia, then it ought to be clearly stated.

The contribution of all the nations towards economic stability in Asia ought to be appraised and measured accordingly, he said.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, contested Mr. Winston Churchill's assertion that the Council of Ministers seemed to be acting so cautiously that they stood in the way of the European Assembly.

"You may get resolutions carried in the Assembly without any details worked out, or responsibilities involved which cannot be applied without very grave consideration," he said.

Observing that he was going to Strasbourg tomorrow, Mr. Bevin said that one of the proposals he would have to discuss was something he was quite sure Britain could not accept.

It was virtually to create an executive body in Europe that was not elected by the people, nor even by Parliament, which could by majority in a very small group arrive at decisions which could be imposed upon the State.

—The House of Commons would not agree to this for one moment.—Reuter.

## KENYA BAN ON LABOUR PARADE

Nairobi, March 29.

Kenya's Police Commissioner today banned a "workers' boycott parade" intended to rival the Duke of Gloucester's official procession, and thus spiked in advance plans to upset Nairobi's civil celebration.

The Commissioner, Colonel Michael O'Rourke, denied the application of the East African Trade Congress, which the Kenya Government has described as Communist-led.

The Duke of Gloucester will drive through Nairobi's gaily decked streets tomorrow to proclaim the Royal Charter proclamation of Nairobi a city—the first Royal Charter city in the Commonwealth.—Reuter.

## "IKE" ALARMED BY COMMUNIST SUCCESSES

Washington, March 29.

General Dwight Eisenhower is very disturbed and alarmed about Communist advances in Asia and wants military and economic help to Asiatic nations resisting the Reds.

General Eisenhower told the Senate Appropriations Committee that the picture in Asia is very discouraging.

He suggested that Congress carefully consider both economic and military help for that area.

Limited military aid for non-Communist Asia would give those countries some sort of confidence while economic help meant a hope for tomorrow.

He does not believe war is imminent, but said this nation is taking chances by not spending enough for the Air Force, anti-submarine warfare and Alaskan defences.

He urged the United States to provide a small garrison at each of its major airfields against the danger of some kind of air attack.

As for administration's proposed US\$13,100,000,000 military budget, he said, "I would change it a little," but added quickly that he thought there is a possibility of meeting most of the situation pretty well at that figure.

## Careless

"We are fairly well on the proper line between economy and security but in certain details we have been careless," he said.

He would not recommend any drastic revision but would probably add a few hundred million, mainly for anti-submarine work, the Alaskan ground forces, keeping the Air Force modernised and for industrial mobilisation.

The United States had gone as far in favour of economy in military spending as was wise, and in some specific ways, too far.

General Eisenhower's testimony was at first to have been secret, but the hearing was thrown open to the public.

President Truman wanted the General to state his views publicly.—United Press.

## BRITISH PROTEST TO RUSSIA

London, March 29.

Britain has protested to Russia over the withdrawal of the diplomatic rate of exchange of the rouble for foreign missions in Moscow.

Russia informed Britain on February 20 that the special diplomatic rate would be withdrawn because the rouble's purchasing power had been increased by the revaluation, while Western currencies lost in relative value by the appreciation of the rouble.

The British Ambassador, Sir David Kelly, delivered the note to officials in Moscow. The note said the price of sugar in Russia is 20 times higher than in Britain, that of potatoes nine times higher, eggs 16 times higher, butter 20 times higher, and tea 30 times higher.—United Press.

—Reuter.

## PEKING ATTACK ON PI

San Francisco, March 29.

Peking Radio today termed the Philippines the marshalling yard for the despatch of arms to Taiwan.

It said 420 tanks are to leave the Philippines for Taiwan, following a shipment of 100 tanks late in February.

It said intelligence reports are being exchanged between Taiwan and Manila, and described this as evidence of the growing desperation of the United States at the impending total defeat of their policy supporting Chiang.

The radio said that 100 tanks and 100 lorries were shipped to Taiwan via the Philippines in February, and another shipment of 420 tanks will leave shortly.

It claimed that masses of American equipment have been flowing to Taiwan since the December meeting between the United States Ambassador to the Philippines, President Quirino, and the Nationalist Ambassador. It said Taiwan has agreed to exchange intelligence reports, and added that Nationalist agents have been sent to the Philippines in order to coordinate anti-Communist measures under the guidance of United States Army instructors.—United Press.

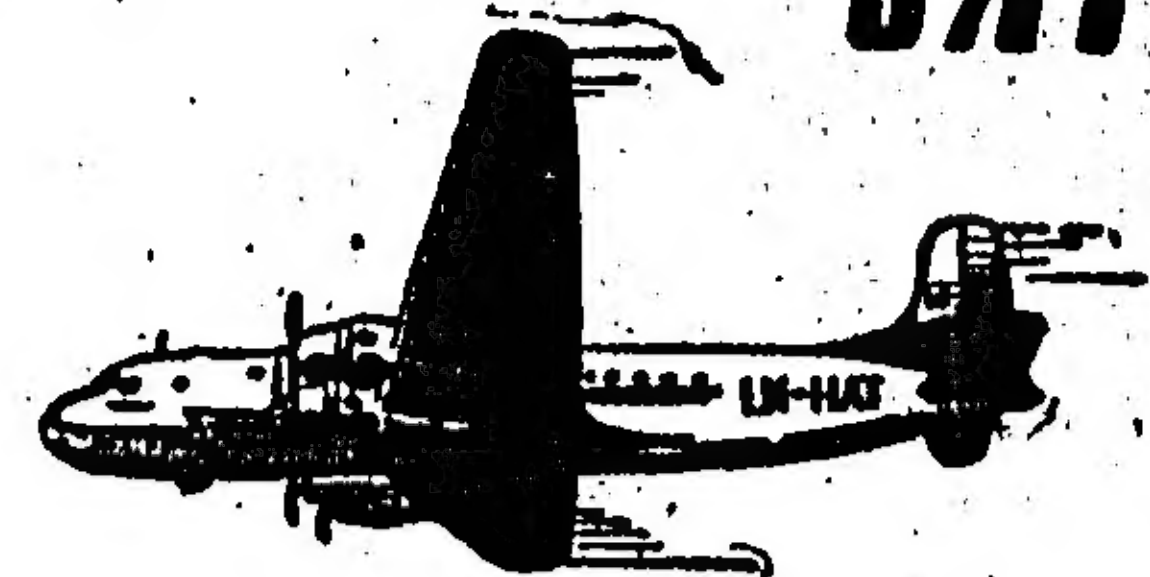
## TURBINE CAR IN GENERAL USE IN TEN YEARS?

New York, March 29.

British motorcar makers believe American mass production methods will bring the new British gas turbine car into general use in 10 years. The new engine was given a public test in England recently and will be shown for the first time in America at the all-British Automobile Show here on April 15.

The engine burns petrol, kerosene or diesel oil under high compression, creating power to turn a turbine to drive the car. The engine is small and powerful and of a simple design. The conventional clutch and gears are not necessary. The test car accelerated to 60 miles per hour in 15 seconds from a standing start.—Associated Press.

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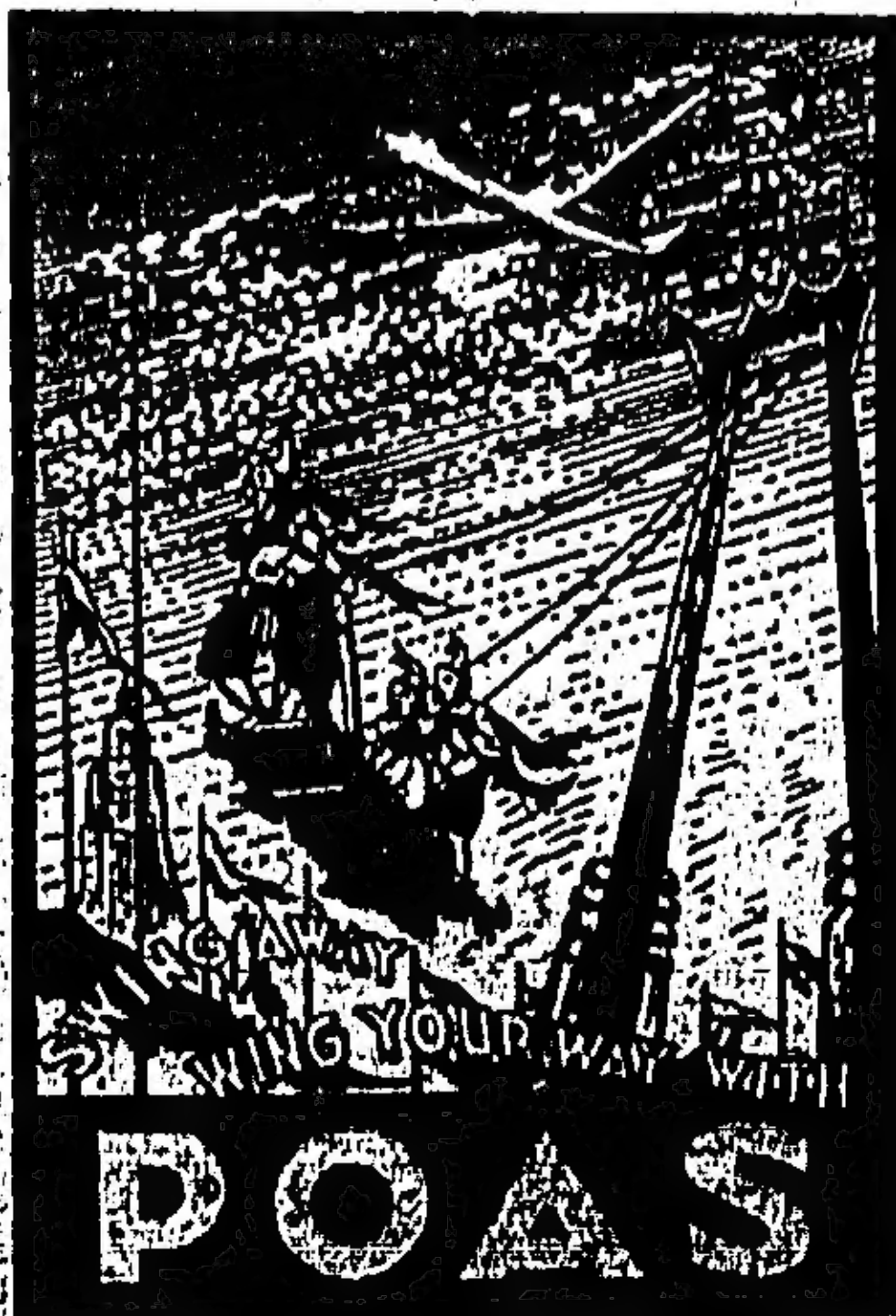
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## Mrs. Roosevelt's views on China

Lake Success, March 29.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt thinks it is futile to argue about backing the Nationalist China government of Chiang Kai-shek. The late President's widow contends that the Chinese conflict is a question for the Chinese people to decide.

As for Chinese representation in the UN, she says, the full 50-nation General Assembly may have to make the decision. Sixteen UN members now recognise Red China.

## One in 20 Japanese deranged

Tokyo, March 30.

Approximately five per cent, or one out of every 20 Japanese, are mentally deranged, according to a survey recently conducted by the Public Health Bureau of the Welfare Ministry, reports a leading Tokyo newspaper, the "Yomiuri Shimbun," today.

Most of the 4,000,000 Japanese suffering from mental disease are not confined to mental institutions. There are only 121 hospitals with a total of 17,416 beds in the entire nation.

The Welfare Ministry considers the problem of mental disease as second in importance to tuberculosis from a national health standpoint.

The Ministry said the Welfare Committee of the House of Councilors is now preparing a mental health bill to relieve this situation. —Reuter.

## VIETMINH ON MALAYAN WAR

Saigon, March 29.

The illegal Communist-controlled Vietminh General Workers' Union here has issued a manifesto on Malayan military operations in terms similar to those issued by the British Communist Party.

The Vietminh statement, printed secretly and distributed widely, declared that "workers must refuse to unload ships at Saigon carrying Anglo-American war materials for French and Bao Dai traitors."

It added "Our French and Anglo-Australian comrades will refuse to load war material for the Vietminh as they refused to load for the Dutch imperialists in Indonesia."

"Salonese youth—report for duty to your Vietminh district headquarters. Intellectual students—refuse to collaborate with the puppet regime."

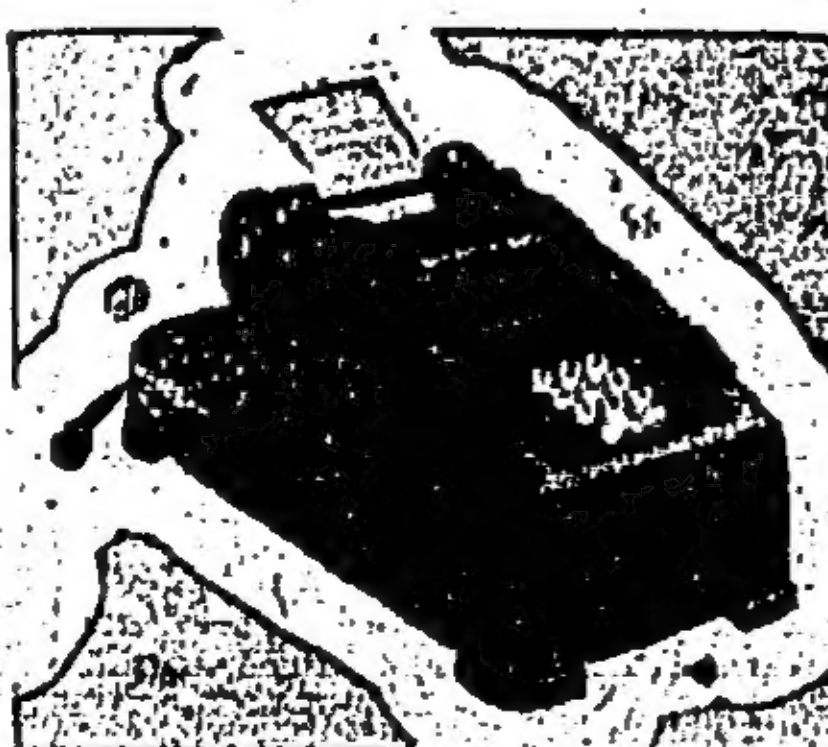
"We shall soon drive the French into the sea as Chinese comrades drove American collaborators, and as British colonialists will be driven out of Malaya. The day of liberation approaches." —Reuter.

The Hague, March 29. The Army Chiefs of Staff of the Western Union powers met here today. —Reuter.

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## Desertions from the armed forces

London, March 29.

The Minister of National Defence, Emanuel Shinwell expressed his concern today at 19,477 desertions from Britain's armed forces since 1946. He promised the House of Commons that he will conduct an inquiry to find the cause.

At present, desertions are running at the rate of 8,000 monthly, Mr. Shinwell said. Of the total number of deserters, over 10,000 came from the Irish Republic. —Associated Press.

## TAN SAYS WAR NOT IMMINENT

Singapore, March 29.

A third world war is not imminent. Friendly co-operation between China and the USSR will help to maintain world peace and frustrate the designs of warmongers, declared Mr. Tan Kah-kee, 72-year-old millionaire.

The Overseas Chinese leader, who recently toured Communist China and became a member of the People's Consultative Committee in Peking, addressed the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce. It was his first public statement since his return.

"The world is at present divided into two camps—the imperialists, like the United States, who are selfish, ambitious and warlike, and the socialists, like Soviet Russia, who are considerate and peace-loving," he stated.

"China cannot sit on the fence. It must choose between the two," Mr. Tan revealed that the Chinese Communist armies numbering 6,000,000 including 2,000,000 former Nationalist soldiers, are now being demobilised.

"Large numbers have been demobilised and have taken to farming and other work. Those still in the army have to take part in some kind of production or other when not engaged in fighting."

Mr. Tan intends to return to Red China in two months. He will remain there two months before returning. He proposes travelling regularly between Singapore and Communist China.

While in Peking he was offered the chairmanship of the Overseas Chinese Committee. He turned it down because he did not wish to become involved in administrative work. —Associated Press.

## LOAN TO BURMA CALLED WASTE

Canberra, March 29.

Mr. W. S. Kent-Hughes (Conservative) told the House of Representatives today that he would rather see the £6,000,000 Commonwealth loan lent to Burma than thrown into the sea than have it used to suppress loyal allies like the Karens.

Karens and equipment bought with the loan would only end up by falling into the hands of "Chinese" Communists if Karens and Burmese Government troops continue their fighting, he claimed.

As an alternative, Mr. Kent-Hughes thought that the Burmese Government should ask the United Nations to appoint a mediator, and he suggested that the Australian Government should urge Burma to do so.

The Supply Minister, Mr. Howard Beale, promised to put the suggestion before the Cabinet. —Reuter.

## HOPE'S HOPE

New York, March 29.

The American cinema comedian, Bob Hope, expects to be worth more than \$1,000,000 a year soon according to "Variety," the entertainment trade journal, which reported today that Bob Hope will sign a long-term contract for this amount with the National Broadcasting Company. Bob Hope recently drew \$120,000 for a fortnight's seasonal appearance in a Broadway cinema. —Reuter.

## INDIAN PRESIDENT APPEALS FOR CALM

New Delhi, March 29.

The President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, in his first broadcast to-night to the Indian people since his assumption of office two months ago, expressed the hope that the discussions of the Prime Ministers of Pakistan and India, which are to begin here on April 2, will prove fruitful.

He appealed to Indians not to do or say anything which might have the effect of poisoning the atmosphere.

The President referred to recent events in East and West Bengal and said he knew the terrible sufferings which all those who had had to migrate in their hundreds of thousands are undergoing.

The Indian Government is trying its best to render such relief as is possible. "But," he said, "the question is not only one of relief, it goes very much deeper and has to be tackled in such a way as to make such relief unnecessary. India and Pakistan are two neighbours and it is in the interests of both that friendly relations should be maintained and nothing should be done on either side of the border to inflame passions and create excitement."

"I am no less grieved therefore by the frenzy which has overtaken some of our people and which has been responsible for barbarous and unparliamentary acts."

Appealing to Indians for restraint and tolerance, the President said that Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, and his colleagues are fully conscious of the implications of the problems facing them and are determined to do all in their power to restore normal conditions.

The people could best help that Government, he added, by allowing it a free hand to deal with the situation in the way it considers best and by not embarrassing it by lawless activities.

## Howrah quiet

The situation in Howrah and other riot-affected areas outside Calcutta continues to be quiet, a West Bengal Government spokesman said tonight. Apart from a few isolated instances of assaults on individuals, there has been no serious incident, but outside the city some cases of arson were reported, and a strong police force had been sent to deal with the situation there.

In a prepared statement to the Indian Parliament in New Delhi today, the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, said there had been an improvement in the district since the troops were moved in. The military authorities are now in control of the area and the district has been quiet.

Reviewing the position before the troops were moved into Howrah, Pandit Nehru said that the situation there and in some parts of West Bengal had become serious and on Monday the West Bengal Government had asked the military authorities to take charge in Howrah from a law and order point of view.

"Rather inaccurately, this has been described as the promulgation of martial law. No such promulgation has taken place and therefore, technically, there is no martial law."

"But we have given the largest powers to the military and they more or less control the Howrah area. We have assured the West Bengal Government of our fullest support in any action they may take to deal with the situation in any part of the State."

## Country shocked

After uttering a warning that martial law would be imposed if necessary, the Prime Minister said that the country had been shocked and pained by the events that took place in Bengal.

"The recent happenings in West Bengal and more especially in the Calcutta and Howrah areas have been a matter of the deepest shame and sorrow for us," Pandit Nehru said.

Pandit Nehru was cheered by the House when he rose to speak and again at the end when he announced that the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, is expected in New Delhi on Sunday.

He had invited Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, he said, to discuss the grave development in East and West Bengal, not only with a view to meeting the present crisis but also to find an enduring solution of the problem.

"Especially it is our responsibility to give that full sense of security to minorities who dwell in this country. Every failure to give it is a failure of the Government to that extent and no excuse is sufficient to justify it."

"A distinguished Englishman, Mr. Alexander Cameron, President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, met his death at the hands of the mob in trying to protect his servant."

## Wild talk

"Many citizens and nationals of our country have also met their death at the hands of the evildoers and others who had been led away by passion and prejudice in committing deeds which cannot possibly be excused."

"I should like to express our Government's deep sorrow for these unhappy and deplorable occurrences which bring discredit upon us."

The fact that an excited and impassioned crowd misbehaved, Pandit Nehru said, was bad enough, but it was far worse for some people, by speech or writing, to excite and inflame the multitude and induce them to commit evil.

There had been far too much wild talk and wild writing without thought given to what it meant and what the consequences might be. "No Government worthy of its name can tolerate the public disorder and the incitement to disorder which we have seen recently."

"The Government of which I have the honour to be the Prime Minister is determined not to tolerate this and I am sure this House and the country will give their full support and co-operation to the Government in this task." —Reuter.

## ASSASSINATION TRIAL IN SOFIA

Sofia, March 29.

Twenty-six Yugoslav and Bulgarian "spies and diversionists" went on trial here today on charges of plotting to assassinate Marshal Klement Vorošilov, Soviet Vice-Premier, and members of the Bulgarian Cabinet.

The indictment says that they were recruited by "the Trotskyite espionage centre in Yugoslavia" to spy in Bulgaria, according to the Bulgarian news agency.

They are accused of terrorist activities and planning to bomb the Dimitrov Mausoleum last September when Marshal Voroshilov and Bulgarian officials reviewed a March Past on the fifth anniversary of the entry of Soviet troops into Bulgaria.

The trial is being held in public in the Sofia Palace of Justice, and Bulgarian and foreign journalists were admitted.

More than 60 witnesses and experts will be heard. —Reuter.

## RED STRONGHOLD DOOMED?

Rangoon, March 29.

A Government spokesman said today that the Communist stronghold of Pymmana is expected to fall within the next few days.

The spokesman told reporters that two loyalist armies are closing in on Pymmana. The Communists are not expected to put up much of a fight.

Pymmana is the last remaining obstacle to restoration of the main rail system linking Rangoon with North Burma.

The Communists took over Pymmana in February, 1949, and made it their headquarters. —Associated Press.

## ODDS ON RUSSIAN ATTACK

London, March 29.

Lord Vansittart, former Chief Diplomatic Adviser to the Government, said today that it is his considered judgment that the odds are on a Soviet war of aggression rather than against it.

"All my life I have never seen any nation preparing for war quite so overtly as the Soviet Union," he told the House of Lords.

He was urging resolute precautions against Communist infiltration into public service and other important branches of British public life.

Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, replying for the Government, said he strongly suspects that Britain is more free from Communism than any other country.

He made these other points: The membership of the Communist Party in Britain has remained fairly constant at about 40,000 for a good many years. There is no reason to think that it is increasing.

Seventy-four Communists and Fascists had been removed from their posts in the Government's purge in the last two-and-a-half years. —Reuter.

Belrut, March 29. Two harmless fireworks let off today in the street in which the British Legation here stands, led to reports that a bomb had been thrown at the Legation building. —Reuter.

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# MAO AND MARX

By WINDRUSH

In London it is not seriously doubted that Mao Tse-tung and the other leading Chinese Communists are orthodox Marxists. They are known to be deep students of Das Kapital and of the writings of Lenin. But some Western students of China are genuinely puzzled to know how China's history and China's present circumstances can be fitted in to Marxist theory. They will be interested to see what explanations are evolved by the Chinese Marxists.

Take one or two examples. The Marxist theory is that all societies pass, broadly speaking, through the same process of evolution. In the first place, society is organised on a feudal basis. Then comes the so-called "bourgeois revolution." In Europe this happened in the nineteenth century, following on the French Revolution. The period of bourgeois ascendancy leads to another revolution. By this revolution the dictatorship of the proletariat is established. How does this apply to China?

The orthodox Communist view—the view of the Stalinists as opposed to the Trotskyists—is that Chinese society is in a feudal and semi-colonial state. Before it can become ripe for a genuinely communist revolution it must pass through the bourgeois stage. The bourgeois stage cannot be jumped or by-passed. For this reason the leaders in the Kremlin have not been anxious to force the pace of events in China too much. For many years they were indulging in the Kuomintang Government because it was their theory that the Kuomintang was carrying through the indispensable transition of Chinese society from the feudal stage to the bourgeois stage—the transition which was indispensable if China was eventually to have a genuinely Communist revolution. For the same reason the Chinese Communists, even though their armies are now triumphant, are emphasising that they do not propose, at least as yet, to liquidate the "national bourgeois." It seems that they believe that, even under a Communist Government, it is essential that China should pass, however briefly, through a phase which can be characterised as "bourgeois."

## False view

These are the practical conclusions which the Marxists in China have drawn. But in fact a Western student finds it hard not to think that they have got their history wrong. In determining to fit China into the Marxist pattern, they have invented a false view of what is really happening. In fact it was the Han and Tang dynasties which really ended the feudal age in China. That happened between 2,000 and 1,000 years ago. There has been no real feudalism in China ever since. But China did not therefore pass, as Marxist theory prescribes into a bourgeois State. Instead it became a bureaucratic State—an agrarian Empire ruled by an elaborate bureaucracy chosen by open public examination in the national classics. This was a kind of State which Europe never knew. It was the kind of State not provided for in the Marxist dialectic.

According to Marx, periodical revolutions are brought about in society by one social class rising up and replacing the existing governing class; this change is made possible because economic changes in the organisation of society increase the power of the class which thereupon comes to power. It is quite possible to make out a case for saying that this is a fair generalisation about the revolutions which have shaken Europe from the Middle Ages onwards. But is it true of China? Admittedly China also has had periodical revolutions. But they have not been revolutions incidental to one class replacing another as the governing class. They have been upheavals and explosions as the result of periodic crises of over-population. They have left the basic structure of society little changed. On this type of revolution the Marxist writings are silent.

Marxist theory builds a great deal upon the struggle of the tenant class against the landlord class. Now certainly there has always been friction in China between landlord and tenant. It is enough to make the Marxist suppose that China has reproduced in the orthodox way the tension between the landed aristocracy and the villager. But when the situation is more closely studied, it appears that the Chinese agrarian structure is altogether different from that which Marx regarded as "normal." One phase of the evolution of society. The Chinese landowner is very different from the feudal grand seigneur of Europe. He is often nearly as poor as the tenant. In the average village in South and Central China there are poor peasants and slightly less poor peasants; it is very rare for their holdings of land to be more than four or five acres.

## Chinese tradition

It may be argued that, though China's past does not fit in very well to the Marxist scheme, its future will be purely Marxist. The Communist Government in China will follow the Russian pattern. But is even this very likely?

It is true that the organisation of the party and its relation to the State is partly on Russian lines. But was that of the Kuomintang. Will the resemblance be more than formal? Russia's system of government today—in matters of fact rather than in matters of form—grows out of the Russian past—a growth which produced Ivan the Terrible and Peter the Great. In no country in the world is tradition so strong as in China. In shaping the future, Chinese tradition will have a hand as well as Marxist theory.

Consider one final problem. The great reorganisation in Russia, in its agrarian life, has been to collective and mechanised agriculture. It has seemed that collectivisation is one of the essential parts of Communism. But what was Russia's purpose? Surely it was to economise manpower for the great assault on cultivating and taming the vast empty space of Russia. In China there are no empty spaces. China has superfluous, not shortage, of manpower. It would be lunacy to try to cultivate China's rice fields by the mechanised methods of Russian collective farming.

Thus, in practical economic policy, China is likely to follow a different line from Russia. All along the line, the Chinese Communists, though convinced theoretical Marxists, may be forced to mould China in a pattern quite different from Russia. They will certainly be radicals and revolutionaries; but they will create a new kind of society instead of a replica of the Soviet Union.

## "Israel may become Communist nation"

Frankfurt, March 29.

A Bucharest newspaper said in effect today that Israel may become a Communist nation, regardless of what her Premier, David Ben Gurion, believes.

The allegation was published in the "Romania Libera" and was broadcast by the official agency, Agerpress, from Bucharest.

In an article entitled, "The Concerns of Mr. Ben Gurion," the newspaper sharply rejected a statement by the Israeli Premier that Jews are being persecuted in Rumania. At the same time, the paper launched a sharp attack against Israel, "Romania Libera" quoted Mr. Ben Gurion as saying "Israel will never be a Communist country," and commented: "We, the people of the Rumanian People's Republic, consider this categorical affirmation of the Israeli Premier as risky, because not so long ago, similar prognostics were made concerning Rumania by certain voices which belonged to the past."

The newspaper said: "On the occasion of his many trips to the United States, Ben Gurion can meet there such a 'clear sighted' man by the name of Radescu, who is at the same time guilty of crimes against the people of Rumania, and Radescu will be able to inform him that it is impossible for such futile proposals to become reality, even if one resorts to the police and the army."

(General Nicolai Radescu was Rumanian Premier from December 1944 to March 1945. His rule was backed chiefly by the army. He was replaced by a coup by the present Communist-dominated Government of Petru Groza. It was rumoured at the time that the Cabinet change was prompted by an ultimatum by the now Soviet foreign minister, Vyshinsky, to King Michael, threatening Soviet occupation of the country. Radescu was overthrown, and subsequently he fled the country and went to the United States).

"Romania Libera" rejected Ben Gurion's charges that Jews in countries like Iraq and Rumania are in danger of persecution.

It asked whether Ben Gurion has heard about the fact of schools teaching in Yiddish, that textbooks in Yiddish and literature in Yiddish exist in Rumania.

It said: "It is impossible that a Premier should not be aware of such things. It is more probable that certain prime ministers need such alleged 'dangers of persecution'."

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## British labour unrest

London, March 29.

Labour unrest burst into the open in Britain today for the first time since the Labour Party's narrow victory in the general election with a slowdown on docks, and 2,700 mine workers made idle by two strikes for higher wages.

The Labour Government has been enforcing a wage-freeze programme.

A strike at Bargoed Steam Colliery involved 1,300 men, and threatened production in many—South Wales collieries.

Five hundred surface workers walked out in a wage dispute involving two riggers and 800 underground workers.

The huge colliery's power station is manned, meanwhile, by a skeleton staff of officials. Twelve hundred workers are idle at a colliery near Coventry in a dispute over wage rates for working a new coal seam. Mine officials said the new rates for working the seam had been agreed upon, but a number of the men decided to protest, causing a complete stoppage.

Dock workers, meanwhile, held mass meetings at three of London's biggest wharves, as a campaign to halt all overtime work gained momentum and slowed loading and unloading of ships.—United Press.

## GREATER MALAYAN SELF-GOVERNMENT BEING DISCUSSED

London, March 29.

The projected visit of Mr. James Griffiths, Colonial Secretary, to Malaya this summer, announced today, quickened expectation in political quarters that there will be early moves to give Malaysians greater control of their own affairs.

But observers here are sceptical about an American news agency report suggesting a Cabinet of Asian Ministers as an immediate likelihood.

It is known that talks are taking place in Malaya between the British High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, and local leaders on the general question of political advances through the new constitution.

These talks touch on possible changes, such as the inclusion of Malayans political leaders in the Executive Council with the style of Ministers and charge of certain administrative departments. Jamaica provided a precedent for giving such members Ministerial style and charge of departments.

There, elected members of the Legislative Council are elected by the lower body to the Executive Council, and are entrusted by the Government of Jamaica with charge of various departments.

It is likely that the proposals now being turned over include also the idea of including a larger number of local representatives—Malayans, Chinese and Indians—than now in the Executive Council.

A point which may occupy attention in the present discussions is the question of Chinese born in Malaya—who do not necessarily acquire Malayan citizenship. Discussion may revolve round the idea of agreement on some common form of citizenship.

The Government intends to encourage the Malayan people—whose great contribution to the present anti-bandit drive in their own country has aroused universal admiration—to take an ever-increasing responsibility for their own affairs.

## Martial law rejected

Mr. Griffiths today rejected a suggestion that martial law should be imposed in Malaya to help counter Communist guerrilla activity.

Mr. Henderson Stewart (National Liberal) had urged this in the House of Commons.

He said that the position in Malaya is worsening and that there is a strong local demand for martial law as the only effective means of controlling the trouble. He urged the Minister to take the necessary steps at once.

Mr. Griffiths replied: "During recent weeks bandit activities have intensified in reaction to our own intensified efforts, but there has been no strong local demand for martial law."

"The imposition of martial law would not be an effective way of dealing with a situation in which the Government's principal instrument is the police force and in which one of the main requirements is the police force and effective civil administration to those remote rural areas where Chinese predominate."

"All the powers necessary can be taken by emergency regulations."

## Red agents

Mr. Leonard Gammans (Conservative) asked what was being done to prevent Communist agents in disguise from volunteering for the cause.

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## Independence for Malaya in 15 years?

Singapore, March 30.

Malaya should have independence in about 15 years' time, said Mr. John L. Strohm, American author-journalist on a tour of South East Asia. He gained this impression from interviews with leading Government officials in Malaya.

Mr. Strohm said: "With bandit days numbered, the problem of self-government for Malaya will soon loom ahead. There are, however, very encouraging signs of greater harmony and closer unity between the various communities in this young country which augurs well for a prosperous future."

"Although there are obviously certain defects marred by complete unity of purpose, the way is being steadily paved for the Malays, with the help of the Chinese, to attain independence."

Mr. Strohm has left Singapore for Indo-China, whence he will visit Siam, Hong Kong and Japan.—Reuter.

The "Anti-Bandit Month" in Malaya and being accepted. Mr. Griffiths replied that all volunteers for the "Anti-Bandit Month" were required to produce identity cards, except in the larger towns. Most were recruited through the local officials and associations to whom the applicants were known.

Major Tufton Beamish (Conservative) asked whether the Minister had considered the criticisms in military and civilian circles in Malaya that the strength and equipment of the military forces engaged against the Communist rebels was still inadequate.

Mr. Griffiths replied: "The strength and equipment of the military forces employed against the bandits in Malaya is under constant consideration and every effort will continue to be made to meet the requirements of these operations."—Reuter.

## PLANE LANDINGS ON ICE PACK

Anchorage, Alaska, March 29.

A U.S. Air Force plane has made two successful landings on the North Polar ice pack, 200 miles North of Bate Island off the Northern coast of Alaska.

Colonel Bert Balchen, announcing this today, said it was one of the most important events in polar aviation.

The landings showed that, if necessary, both large bombers and transports could crash-land with comparative safety on the polar ice pack.

One landing was made on a large ice block covered with coarse snow, the other on hard-packed, drifted snow.—Associated Press.

## U.S. FOOD FOR CHINA SUGGESTED

Washington, March 29.

The Republican Senator, Mr. William Knowland, today proposed that surplus American foodstuffs should be sent to Communist China as a humanitarian move to relieve famine conditions.

Mr. Knowland made the recommendation in identical letters to President Truman and Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, which he made public today.

He said that reports from China indicate that more than 40,000,000 people are in the famine areas and over 10,000,000 more in danger of starving.

At the same time, he said, reports indicate that the Chinese Communists are sending food to Russia in exchange for industrial equipment.

"Nevertheless, the American people have always had a friendly interest in the well-being of the people of China," Mr. Knowland said.

He also said that a relief mission, similar to that headed by Mr. Herbert Hoover after the first world war, should be sent to distribute the food.

This would in no way mean United States recognition of the Chinese Communist regime, he added.—Reuter.

## CHINESE COUPLE ARRESTED IN PI

Manila, March 30.

Li Szu-ti, 32-year-old editor of the Chinese language paper "National Daily News," which ceased publication recently, and his wife Sun Hui-shi, 30, were arrested on the strength of a warrant issued by the Acting Immigration Commissioner, J. P. Segzon.

Li was charged with having published an article allegedly attacking the Philippine Government.—The couple may face deportation proceedings. They are here on temporary visitors' permits.—United Press.

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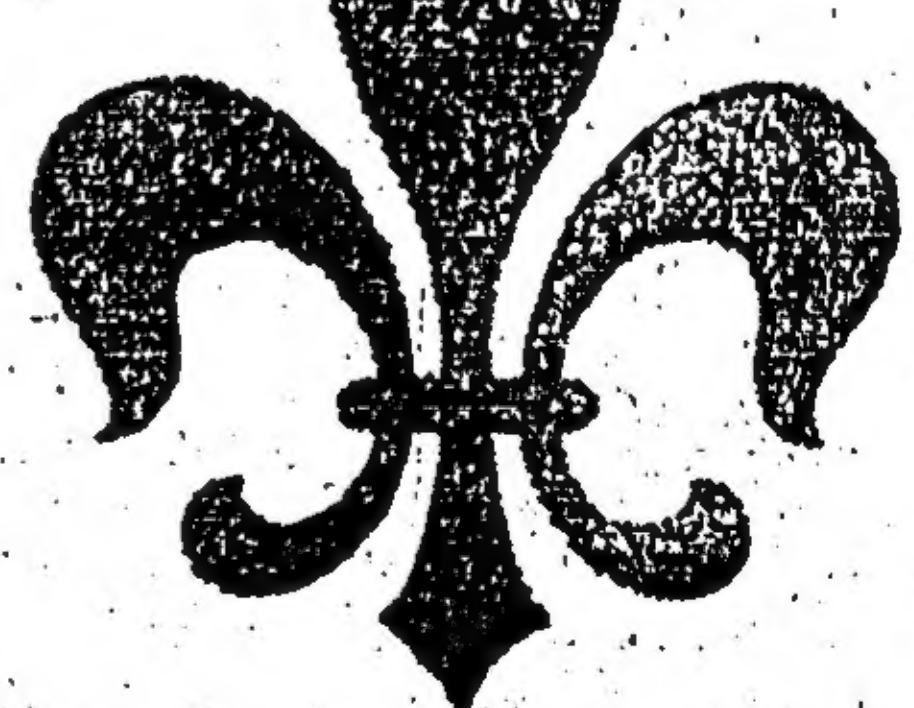
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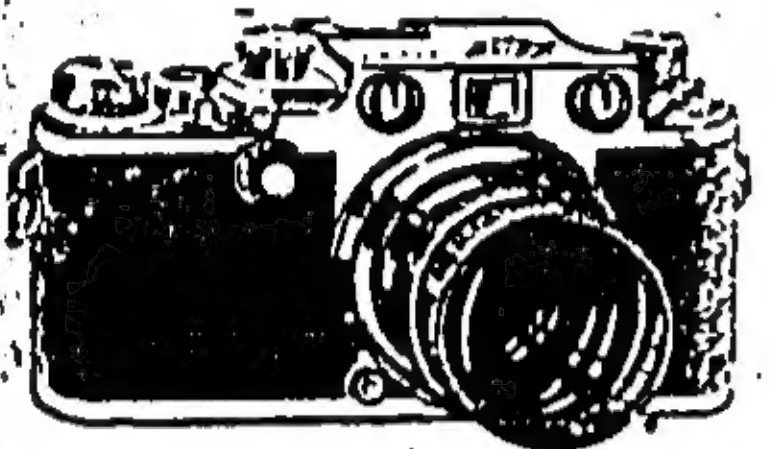
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# NEW FORMULA FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST

Geneva, March 29.

The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission today made a further effort to instill new life into the lagging attempts to bring Israel and her Arab neighbours nearer a final peace settlement.

A top-secret note was sent to the delegates of Israel, Egypt, Syria, the Lebanon and Jordan by the Commission's Principal Secretary, Mr. Pablo Azcarate.

It is believed to be a new formula designed to break the deadlock which has persisted since the new year, based on the Commission's earlier plea for direct negotiations between the parties.

The note invited delegates to consult their Governments and to reply to the Commission by April 17.

The Israeli delegate, Mr. Gideon Raphael, said that on receiving the Commission's note he had demanded that the representatives of the Arab States be fully empowered to negotiate. "We have the impression that some of them are not so empowered," he told correspondents.

Mr. Raphael reiterated the Israeli Government's support for a direct meeting. The Arab Governments have so far opposed this course so as to preserve an outwardly united front.

It is thought here that direct meetings might openly reveal to Israel certain differences of opinion between Jordan and the other three Arab States.

Mr. Raphael will leave by air for Tel Aviv early next week to consult his Government. Before doing so, he said, he will present a document to the Commission outlining Israel's view on the conciliation problem.

It is understood that the Arab representatives will also fly home to consult their governments in the near future.

## Jordan dispute with league

Reports that Britain had intervened in the Jordan-Arab League dispute, warning Egypt that intervention in Jordan's internal affairs would be considered as hostile to Britain, were dismissed in Arab and British official quarters in Cairo as sheer fabrications.

While British and American diplomats have been counselling Arab leaders to be moderate and not disturb peace and stability in the Middle East it is stressed that recent events within the Arab League are not as gloomy as they may appear.

A spokesman of the Arab League said: "There has never been any question of intervention in Jordan's internal affairs by any Arab State. Even if the League should decide to expel Jordan and take economic sanctions this does not amount to intervention in internal affairs."

A mass of conflicting, baseless reports have been reaching Cairo from the Arab capitals since the Arab League's Council opened on March 25.

The Egyptian Ministry of War and Marine today denied a report that King Abdullah had requested the four-man Egyptian Military Mission in Amman to leave Jordan within 48 hours. On the other hand, the Jordan Minister in Cairo, Bahreddin Taoukan Bey, denied reports that he is being recalled to Amman and that Jordan is planning to sever her relations with Egypt.

While the Cairo deadlock is still unbroken, the atmosphere shows signs of improving. Observers in Cairo doubt whether the Arab League is likely to take any drastic steps against Jordan or whether the latter will leave the League.

## League's action

The Arab League Secretariat today gave Jordan until Saturday to send an official delegation to its Council meeting in Cairo to clarify its attitude before a League decision on future action.

The Secretariat had been thrown into confusion earlier today when Jordan, having first denied that it was boycotting the League, decided to boycott only those sessions attended by representatives of the All-Palestine Government in Gaza.

The League's Council decided to postpone until Saturday its vote on the Political Committee's resolution to consider any member State signing a separate peace with Israel as expelled.

This would apply to Jordan whose King Abdullah, often described as seeking an All-Arab Palestine kingdom of his own, has so far not promised to make no separate agreement with Israel.

Jordan's Minister to Egypt, Bahreddin Taoukan Bey, and representatives of the Gaza Government both attended today's Council meeting under the Chairmanship of the Iraqi Prime Minister, Tewfik el Suwedi.

Taoukan Bey had withdrawn from all previous meetings since last Saturday morning in protest against the presence of the Gaza envoy.

King Abdullah told him to withdraw only from Committee meetings at which the question of Gaza's incorporation was discussed.

The Council also decided at today's two-hour meeting to postpone a decision on Arab representation at the League's next Council session in September.—Reuter.

## Strasbourg to discuss Germany

Paris, March 29.

Germany's entry into the Council of Europe will be the main subject of discussion at the meeting of the Council's Ministerial Committee in Strasbourg tomorrow, a French Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The Council will discuss the procedure to be adopted to facilitate Germany's entry into the Council, the spokesman added.

An invitation to Germany from the Ministerial Committee is not excluded, he said.

Germany's entry into the Council is expected to be settled at this meeting of the Ministerial Committee.

If all goes well Germany can be represented at the July session of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The Saar will probably join the Council of Europe very shortly after Germany, the spokesman said.

He denied a report from Bonn today that the Western German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, had received an assurance from the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, that France will support the nomination of a German as observer to the Ministerial Committee, once Germany has joined the Council.

This would be contrary to the Council of Europe's statute, which provides that only foundation members may be represented on the Ministerial Committee.

Asked if France will support a change in the statute to make the nomination of a German observer possible, the spokesman said, "No."—Reuter.

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## Reuter men see flying saucer

Rio de Janeiro, March 29.  
Growde Janeiro Rio streets today to witness the latest appearance of a flying saucer.  
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## Churchill plan snubbed in U.S.

Washington, March 29.  
American officials today described as entirely premature Mr. Winston Churchill's suggestion that German soldiers be permitted to serve with Allied armies. Mr. Churchill made the proposal in a speech to the House of Commons yesterday.

He suggested it as a means of allowing Western Germany to contribute to the defence of Western Europe.

One well-informed American official said that the United States believes that West Germany must make considerably more progress politically before any thought is given to using German manpower in Allied defence plans.

"To do otherwise, he said, 'would be to put the cart before the horse'."

Ideas similar to those advanced by Mr. Churchill have been heard before, but officials said that at this point they are receiving absolutely no consideration by the United States Government.—Reuter.

# YOUTHFUL KING WEEPS AT BANGKOK CEREMONY

Bangkok, March 29.

The body of Thailand's tragic boy King, was cremated last night on a giant pyre lighted by his weeping brother, the new monarch. The final rite ended a day of glittering pageantry in which Thailand said farewell to its young King Ananda, dead for four years.

His younger brother, King Phumphon Aduldet, aged 22, lighted the fire. He then walked down the steps to his throne and sat in lonely sorrow as the flames leaped high over the mountainous pyre.

For a moment it appeared that tragedy would stalk Ananda even in death. Flames from the pyre spread to gilded tapestry near the golden, jewelled urn containing the body. The fire was put out by attendants.

More than 500,000 subjects had watched the funeral march, a spectacle of pomp reminiscent of medieval times.

Now tens of thousands of them stood outside the crematorium enclosure watching the blazing pyre.

Inside were only the lonely King, a small group of the Royal family, and Government representatives.

## King's tears

After lighting the pyre, the King descended the steps to the throne. Within 10 minutes small fires began to rise. The monarch raised his dark glasses and wiped away tears.

Later, when attendants rocked the urn to shake his brother's

ashes into a receptacle, the young King again wept.

While priests chanted the Buddhist ritual others of the Royal family added tapers to the flames. Men representing all the armed forces also climbed the terraced steps to take part in the cremation.

Earlier in the day at least 100,000 of the King's subjects had fled into the crematorium enclosure. They knelt before the altar and placed floral tributes on silver trays.

They were rich and poor, children and old women, their teeth stained red from chewing betel nut.

At times the line stretched back a mile from the crematorium. Siamers waited in the line patiently, 10 abreast.

As dusk approached, the new monarch came to the red-topped pavilion for the ceremonial lighting of the pyre. This preceded the actual cremation. Twice he climbed the three-terraced steps on a rich red carpet to his brother's urn.

The first time King Phumphon lighted candles and incense. The Prince Patriarch delivered a sermon. Then 50 priests chanted a meditation prayer. The King pro-

ceeded them with robes and gifts. The young King then climbed the Royal cremation stand and asked forgiveness for his brother, found shot to death in the palace in 1946 in a mystery never solved.

**Symbolic fires.**  
Four red-uniformed buglers of the Royal Household Guard, their helmets topped by floral plumage, sounded calls. As King Phumphon lighted the ceremonial fire, cymbals, shells, trumpets and drums played a fanfare.

A flutist piped an eerie, tingling tune. Members of the Army, Navy and Air Force fired a series of salutes. A band played the national anthem.

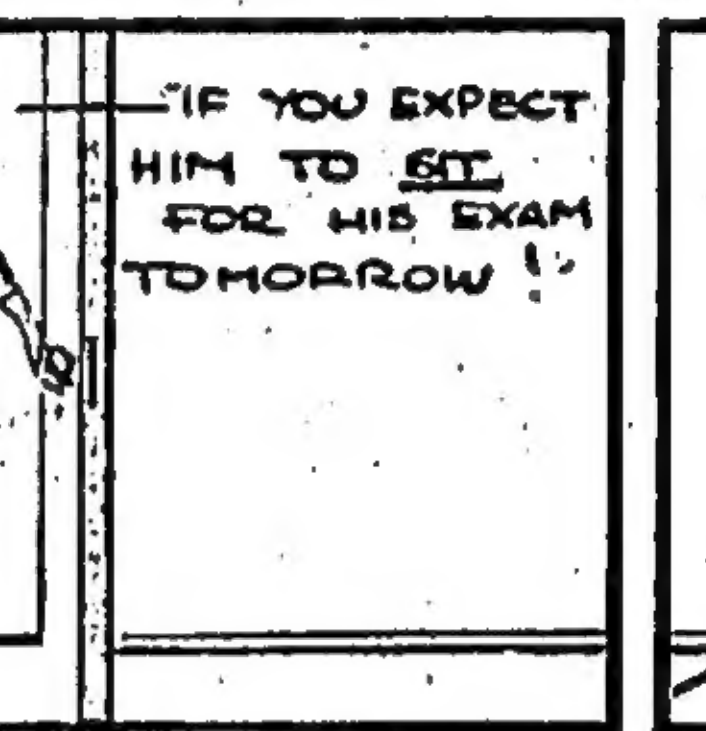
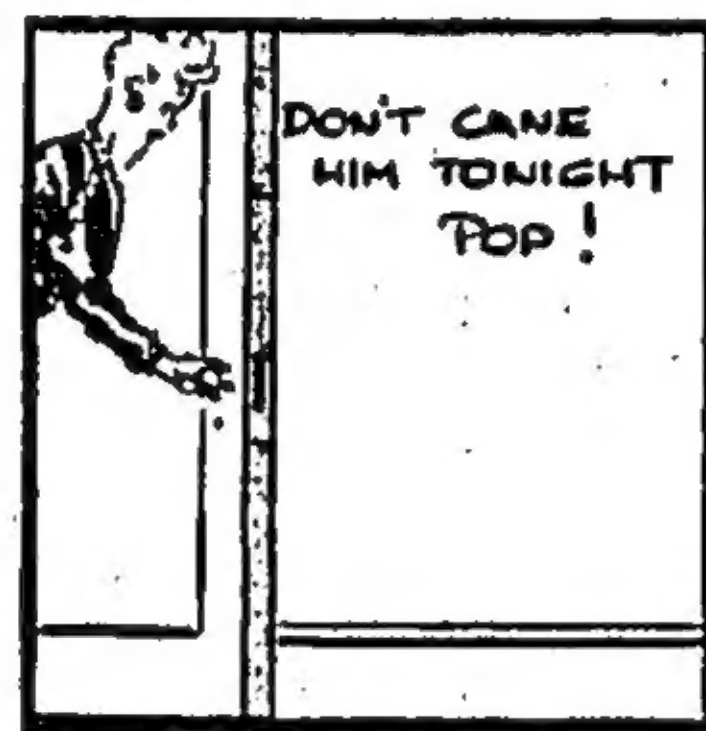
When the King returned to his throne in the Royal Pavilion, members of the Diplomatic Corps, in full-dress mourning clothes, stepped forward and added sand-lit torches to the symbolic cremation fire.

Hundreds of Government and military officials then climbed the steps, knelt before the urn and also lighted symbolic fires. Then all fires were extinguished to await the actual cremation.

The urn bearing Ananda's body had been placed on a caisson 40 feet high shortly before dawn for the funeral march. A nine-tiered silken umbrella was placed over it.

The caisson was preceded through the streets by a colourful procession of court heralds, bearers, bronze ceremonial drums, and a high Buddhist priest.—Associated Press.

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H.K. Realities 100.

Chinese Estate Ex. Div. 124.

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130 1/2.

Peak Trams (Old) 170.

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C. Lights (Old) 110 1/2.

(New) 120.

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Bandakon Lights 100.

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**INDUSTRIAL**

Cable, Elec. (Old) 100 1/2.

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Cement Ex. Rights 110.

H.K. Ropes 100.

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L. Crawford 100 1/2.

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Kwong Sang Hong 100.

Wing On (H.K.) 100.

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(New) 100.

Vibro Pines 100.

Maram Investments 100.

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Repah Rubber 100.

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### Move for world talks on tin

Paris, March 30.

The 14-nation International Tin Study Group today agreed to ask the United Nations' Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, to call an early conference to discuss a commodity control agreement on tin.

The United States opposed the move. Britain, her colonial and dependent territories, Australia, Canada, Belgium, Bolivia, Holland and Indonesia supported it, while China, Thailand and France abstained.

The Group estimated that production would exceed consumption for commercial purposes by about 45,000 tons in 1950 and higher figures later.

It estimated unrestricted consumption of tin for commercial purposes at 127,000 long tons in 1950, with production in 1950 estimated at 172,000 long tons compared with 161,000 long tons last year.

The latter estimate was based on the assumption that political and social stability in the main production countries would exist.

It appeared likely, the Group agreed, that substantial tonnages of tin would be absorbed by the United States for strategic stockpiling purposes over and above the demand for commercial purchases.

#### U.S. views

Mr. M. A. Nicholas, United States representative, told a Press conference that the United States felt that a conference was not desirable at this time.

They did not object to the idea of control of tin in some form nor did they object to a conference some time.

But they thought it advisable to have discussions on a draft agreement before calling a conference. It may be found that a more finished document may be agreed upon than the present draft.—Reuter.

### STEEL INDUSTRY CONFIDENT

New York, March 29.

Steel producers are expecting strong demand for their products to last into the third quarter and perhaps beyond, "Iron Age," metal working trade weekly, said today.

"Some steel people say frankly they do not know when it is going to end," the publication added.

Optimism is being stirred by apparent soundness of the market, said "Iron Age." It added: "Most consumers have had little opportunity to build up heavy inventories. This is cited as one reason why demand is less likely to take a sudden nosedive. The upsurge in conversion deals and the entry of relatively small consumers into these arrangements are cited as evidence supporting this belief."

And conversion, in which consumers buy ingot steel and have it rolled to their needs, is costing less these days, the trade weekly said. Final cost of conversion steel was placed at \$50 to \$65 a ton above mill prices, compared with about \$100 a ton two years ago when such deals were at their height.—Associated Press.

### Money Market

US dollars continued weak yesterday with rates fluctuating between HK\$40.24 and \$0.25.

T' was put through at HK\$3.62 1/2.

Sterling was unchanged at \$15.40, as were Australian pounds at HK\$12.95.

Plastes were nominal at HK\$11.80 a 100.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$27.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders were stationary HK\$7.50 a 100.

### LONDON STOCKS

London, March 29.

Japanese bonds led a minor rally on the London Stock Exchange today with rises in both German and British securities. Japanese 1907 bonds closed at 44 1/2, up 1 1/2.

The 1910 series climbed one, closing at 33 1/2, and the 1930 series closed at 61, up 1 1/2.

German five gained 1/2, closing at 20. Oil-edged shares were 1/2 higher. Textiles and brewers gained in late trading after a dull forenoon.

Financial Times' index 105.5—Associated Press.

### NY RUBBER

New York, March 29.

Critique rubber No. One futures closed unchanged to five higher. Sales were 32 contracts.

May 20.15

July 19.30 bid

September 18.95

Spot No. One ribbed smoked sheets 10 1/2 nominal—Associated Press.

Belgrade, March 29.

The President of the Yugoslav National Assembly has ratified the protocol on compensation for Turkish assets in Yugoslavia. The protocol was concluded in Ankara on January 9.—United Press.

### Netherlands' loan to Indonesia

Jakarta, March 29.

Holland has agreed to lend 300,000,000 guilders to the Indonesian Republic.

The loan came as a result of a conference of Ministers of the two nations currently meeting here. Two-thirds of the figure is for general purposes and the balance for special objects.

Reliable sources in the Indonesian capital disclosed that the conference's committee on Dutch New Guinea has decided to set up a commission for further study.—Reuter.

### Warning by labour leader

Pittsburgh, March 29.

President Philip Murray of the CIO warned today that the number of United States unemployed is only 316,000 short of the danger mark set by the President's Economic Advisory Council.

The Council has said that the national economy would be in danger when unemployment reached 5,000,000.

Mr. Murray said, "As of February there were 4,684,000 unemployed compared to 3,321,000 in February, 1949—an increase of 1,463,000."

The labour leader, speaking before the CIO Pennsylvania Industrial Union (Council), said the steel industry alone spent \$1,500,000,000 on plant improvements not primarily to increase production but to increase profit and per capita production. That results in the lay-off of men. Thousands are being laid off today. Machine is displacing man."

Mr. Murray said that organized labour favours new machinery which improves man's lot—but declared "labour is not going to sit idly by to permit widespread introduction of machines to starve them to death."

Unless something is done to ease unemployment, the crisis would become more critical from day to day. In 1924 one out of every 17 workers was without a job. Today one is out of every 13.—United Press.

### TEXTILE WORKERS IN CHINA

San Francisco, March 29.

Women workers in China's textile industry are to be given more responsible positions, Peking Radio reported tonight.

They would be drawn more and more into the administrative running of textile mills, the Radio added.

Special attention would be paid to their cultural and technical advancement and capable workers would be promoted.

Seventy per cent of all textile workers in China are women. The industry has some 4,000,000 spindles.—Reuter.

### NATURAL GAS IN CHINA

San Francisco, March 29.

Teams of geologists and engineers sent out by the State-owned China Oil Company are now studying geology in the vast area South of the Lower Yangtze River where natural gas gushes from the ground in many places, Peking radio said tonight.

Using modern equipment, the teams are working to discover whether reserves of natural gas are enough to be exploited on a large scale for industrial use. The work might also result in the discovery of oil.—Reuter.

Washington, March 29.

The Truman administration suffered another setback in its foreign aid programme today when the House of Representatives decided to earmark one billion dollars in European recovery funds for the purchase of U.S. farm supplies.

House members in control of the House voted 119 to 107 over the protest of Administration leaders, to tie a part of the Marshall plan funds to the American farm economy.—Associated Press.

San Francisco, March 29.

Rubber sold today at 67 1/2.

Straits Settlements rubber—highest price in more than 20 years.—Associated Press.

### New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 29.

Stock traders, operated on a highly selective basis today. A clean majority of issues declined. Buyers were tempted, however, by a number of shares affected by special developments or prospects. The market for the most part churned up a lot of trade without making much progress in any direction. Transfers 2,090,000 shares—the largest in about six weeks.

A total of 512 issues declined and 300 advanced. Among the gainers were Nash, Kolvinator, Admiral Corporation, American Broadcasting, National Auto, Fiber, Pacific Gas and Electric, Baltimore and Ohio.

Stumblers included Sylvania Electric.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 74.84; 20 Industrials 208.40; 15 Rails 55.25; 10 Utilities 42.98.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 22 1/2.

Alaska Juneau 3

American Can 118

" Smelting 51 1/2

" Telephone 154 1/2

" Tobacco 70 1/2

" Waterworks 11 1/2

Anacosta Copper 28 1/2

Aviation Corp. 7 1/2

Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2

Barnsdall 52 1/2

Bendix Aviation 41 1/2

Bethlehem Steel 34 1/2

Boeing Aircraft 27 1/2

Borden Co. 51

Canadian Pacific 14 1/2

J. I. Case 42 1/2

Chrysler 65 1/2

Colgate 44 1/2

Commercial Solvent 10

Corn Products 68

Du Pont 68 1/2

Eastman Kodak 40 1/2

General Electric 46 1/2

" Motors 70 1/2

Goodrich 84 1/2

Goodyear 51 1/2

Homestead Mining 44 1/2

International Harvester 26 1/2

" Paper 38 1/2

" Tel. & Tel 13 1/2

Johns Manville 48 1/2

Kennecott Copper 50 1/2

Montgomery Ward 24 1/2

National Distillers 23 1/2

" Lead 40

New York Central 12 1/2

Packard Motors 34 1/2

Pan American Airways 9 1/2

Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2

Radio Corp. 17 1/2

Real Silk 11

Remington Rand 13 1/2

Republic Steel 26

Reynolds Tobacco 38

Schenley 30 1/2

Sears Roebuck 44 1/2

Shell Oil 39

Socoy Vacuum 17

Southern Pacific 12 1/2

Standard Brands 23 1/2

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" Oil of N. J. 69 1/2

Studebaker 29 1/2

Union Bag 29 1/2

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US Rubber 41 1/2

" Steel 81 1/2

" Lines 10 1/2

Westinghouse 34 1/2

Youngtown Sheet & Tube 81 1/2

Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2

Bonds were mixed. Among

Curb gainers were Fairchild

Engine, Technicolor, National Fuel

Gas and Louisiana Land.—Associated Press.

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"BENVANNOCH"		20th Apr.
"BEN		







